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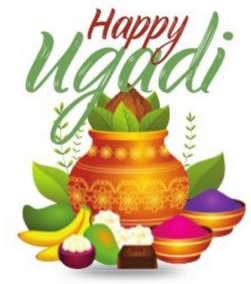

Our offices and press will remain closed today and there will be no issue of the paper on Friday

GOVT APPROVES ₹33,660-CR SCHEME TO DEVELOP 100 INDUSTRIAL PARKS

The Cabinet on Wednesday approved the Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna (BHAVYA) to develop 100 plug-and-play industrial parks across the country

PLUG-AND-PLAY MODEL FOR FASTER GROWTH

Under the scheme, industrial parks ranging from 100 to 1,000 acres will be taken up for development with financial support of up to ₹1 crore per acre. BHAVYA's plug-and-play model with pre-approved land, ready infrastructure, and integrated services, will significantly reduce entry barriers for investors, the government said in a press release | **P15**

₹2,585 CR TO BOOST SMALL HYDRO PROJECTS

- Other decisions include a new ₹2,585 crore scheme to support the development of small hydro projects with capacities between 1 and 25 megawatts, by providing 30% of the project cost or ₹3.6 cr per MW
- The Cabinet also approved more than ₹1,718 crore to help the Cotton Corporation of India provide direct price support to cotton farmers

₹6,969 cr
TO BUILD 4-LANE ACCESS-CONTROLLED HIGHWAY IN UTTAR PRADESH

CHENNAI ▪ MADURAI ▪ VIJAYAWADA ▪ BENGALURU ▪ KOCHI ▪ HYDERABAD ▪ VISAKHAPATNAM ▪ COIMBATORE ▪ KOZHIKODE ▪ THIRUVANANTHAPURAM ▪ BELAGAVI ▪ BHUBANESWAR ▪ SHIVAMOGGA ▪ MANGALURU ▪ TIRUPATI ▪ TIRUCHY ▪ TIRUNELVELI ▪ SAMBALPUR ▪ HUBBALLI ▪ DHARMAPURI ▪ KOTTAYAM ▪ KANNUR ▪ VILLUPURAM ▪ KOLLAM ▪ TADEPALLIGUDEM ▪ NAGAPATTINAM ▪ THRISSUR ▪ KALABURAGI

EVA NAMMAVA

Honour killing Bill tabled in state Assembly

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

THE Karnataka Freedom of Choice in Marriage and Prevention and Prohibition of Crimes in the Name of Honour and Tradition (*Eva Nammava, Eva Nammava*) Bill, 2026, was tabled in the Assembly on Wednesday.

The proposed legislation aims to curb caste-based discrimination and protect inter-caste couples, amid concerns over honour killings and social ostracism. The bill also stresses on minimum five years imprisonment if any killings in the name of 'honour' and, if any injury, three years' imprisonment with penalty extending to Rs three lakh penalty for grievous injury and for simple hurt, it is two years with Rs two lakh penalty. The offense is to be cognizable and non- bailable.

The bill seeks to ensure freedom of choice in marriage, prevent caste-based crimes, safeguard human rights, promote the dignity of inter-caste marriages and establish "Eva Nammava Vedike" to solemnise inter-caste marriages. This Vedike shall consist of retired judge, police, revenue officer along with sub-registrar. The government may, in consultation with the High Court, designate District Courts as special fast-track courts to try cases related to honour-based crimes and offences under this Act. **P7**

EXPRESS READ

17 killed as massive fires break out in Delhi, Indore

New Delhi: Devastating fires in Delhi and Indore on Wednesday killed 17 people, many of them children, and gutted several shops in busy markets in Ahmedabad and Chandigarh, triggering panic and large-scale firefighting operations. Nine members of a family, including three children, were killed after a massive fire tore through a multi-storey residential-cum-commercial building in southwest Delhi's Palam area. In Indore, eight members of a family were killed after a fire broke out at a local businessman's three-storey house following an explosion at an EV charging point outside the building. **P12**

Gulf oil sites on edge as Iran's gas field hit

Israeli strike prompts Tehran to warn UAE, Saudi, Qatar

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IN a major escalation in the ongoing war in West Asia, Israel on Wednesday bombed Iran's huge South Pars natural gas field, prompting an angry Tehran to threaten to retaliate by striking the energy assets in United Arab Emirates, Saudi Arabia, and Qatar "in the coming hours".

The strike on South Pars has the potential to set off a chain reaction that could stifle the entire Gulf region's economic lifeline amid disruption in oil production and movement.

A Qatari foreign ministry spokesperson termed the strike—carried out by Israel with the concurrence of the US—a "dangerous and irresponsible" escalation that put global energy security at risk.

Iran's Tasnim news agency, quoting Iranian officials, said Tehran would strike Saudi Arabia's Samref refinery and Jubail petrochemical complex, UAE's Al Hosn gasfield, and Qatar's Ras Laffan refinery and Mesaieed Petrochemical Holding Company.

South Pars, located off the coast of southern Iran's Bushehr province, is the world's largest natural gas deposit which Iran shares with Qatar.

Targeting Iran's energy infrastructure is seen as a major escalation as the US and Israel have till now held back on any move that could invite an Iranian retaliation against other producers in the region, which could set oil prices on fire.

On Wednesday, Brent prices hovered over $108 per barrel—up from $70 just weeks ago.

Israel on Wednesday said it also eliminated Iran's intelligence minister Esmail Khatib in overnight strikes. On Tuesday, Iran's national security chief Ali Larijani was killed in a targeted Israeli strike.

In a first, Israel publicly stated that all senior Iranian officials would be its military's targets from now on. "Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and I have authorised the Israel Defense Forces to target any senior Iranian official for whom an intelligence and operational opportunity arises, without the need for additional approval," Israel's defence minister Israel Katz said.

Meanwhile, in a body blow to US President Donald Trump's justification for starting the war with Iran, Director of National Intelligence Tulsi Gabbard said that Iran was not trying to rebuild its nuclear enrichment capacities that were destroyed in a June 2025 US-Israeli attack, under Operation Midnight Hammer.

"As a result of Operation Midnight Hammer, Iran's nuclear enrichment programme was obliterated. There have been no efforts since then to try to rebuild their enrichment capability," Gabbard said in a written testimony to the Senate intelligence committee. **P14**

Smoke rises from a building following an Israeli strike in central Beirut, Lebanon on Wednesday | AP

DAY'S DEVELOPMENTS

- Iran confirms assassination of top intelligence official Esmail Khatib in an Israeli strike
- India to prioritise domestic fuel demand amid requests from neighbours
- Indian vessel 'Jag Laadki' carrying over 80,000 MT crude oil reaches Gujarat's Mundra Port

No extra fee for 60% of seats on domestic routes for fliers

S LALITHA @ New Delhi

AMID complaints about airlines levying high additional charges for allocating seats on flights, the Union civil aviation ministry on Wednesday directed that a minimum of 60% of seats on all domestic flights be allocated free of charge.

In another passenger-friendly measure, the ministry asked airlines to ensure that passengers traveling on the same PNR (Passenger Name Record) are seated together.

"Passengers travelling on the same PNR are to be seated together, preferably in adjacent seats," the ministry said in a release.

The airlines were also directed to bring out clear, transparent policies for carrying pets on board. Besides, they must ensure that carriage of sports equipment and musical instruments on board are facilitated in a transparent and passenger-friendly manner without compromising on applicable safety and operational regulations.

Additionally, all airlines must strictly adhere to the passenger rights framework, particularly in cases of delays, cancellations, and denial of boarding. The rights of passengers must be prominently displayed across the airline's websites, mobile applications, booking platforms, and airport counters, the ministry said.

"60 per cent seats free of charge, assured seating together for families, and clear, transparent norms for carriage of sports equipment, musical instruments & pets," Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu said in a post on X.

Belagavi man poisons 15-day-old daughter to death

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IN a shocking incident, a 15-day-old infant was allegedly poisoned to death by her father in Ukkad village of Belagavi district. The grieving mother accused her husband, Bhimaraya, of administering poison to their newborn daughter. The infant had been born just two weeks ago.

According to family members, Bhimaraya had come to visit the baby when the incident occurred. They alleged that he brought a small tube and used it to feed a poisonous substance to the child. Soon after, he fled the scene, raising strong suspicion.

Tension prevailed outside the Belagavi Institute of Medical Sciences (BIMS), where the family staged a protest with the infant's body, demanding justice and immediate action against the accused.

GRASSROOTS SHEROES

Two K'taka women shine at Jal Mahotsava

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

TWO women from the state's rural areas – Anitha and Channamma – were honoured during the ongoing Jal Mahotsava 2026 for the smooth implementation of rural water governance under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM). President Droupadi Murmu, who felicitated them, appreciated them for their contributions. The Ministry of Jal Shakti is organising Jal Mahotsava 2026 from March 8 to March 22.

While Anitha of Muddatanuru was honoured for her efforts to ensure 24/7 water supply to Muddatanuru Gram Panchayat, Channamma received the award for ensuring that every house in Sarawad has tap water connections with round-the-clock supply.

Anitha and Channamma receive awards from President Droupadi Murmu

Anita who worked alongside the Gram Panchayat and the Village Water and Sanitation Committee in Ballari, said, "I went door to door to identify households that lacked water connections and encouraged them to apply for it. I also helped in the operation and maintenance of the water supply system, coordinating with water supply staff, monitoring daily distribution and reporting leakages or breakdowns for timely rectification."

Channamma, a resident of Sarawad GP in Vijayapura district, said, "As an Anganwadi worker, I reached out to families and created awareness about responsible water use and safe drinking water practices. I also encouraged every family to responsibly use and maintain their piped water connection."

I went door to door to identify households that lacked water connections and encouraged them to apply for it. I also helped in the operation and maintenance of the water supply system
Anitha of Muddatanuru

ALMANAC TODAY

- **Thursday:** 19.03.2026
- **Year:** Parabhava
- **Ayana:** Uttharayana
- **Ritu:** Vasantha
- **Masa:** Chaitra
- **Paksha:** Sukla
- **Tithi:** Prathami 4.55 am
- **Nakshatra:** Uttharabhadra 4.05 am
- **Moon in** Mesha Rashi
- **Rahukaala:** 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm
- **Gulikakala:** 09:00 am to 10:30 am
- **Yamaganda:** 03:00 am to 04:30 am

WEATHER

MIN 18°C | MAX 30°C

FORECAST Mostly cloudy

Sunrise 06.24 am | Sunset 06.30 pm | Moonrise 06.23 am | Moonset 06.50 pm

DCM SEEKS REVIEW OF BUILDING HEIGHT LIMITS NEAR AIRPORTS

DKS meets Aviation Minister, to speak to Def Min on city's development

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi/ Bengaluru

DEPUTY CM DK Shivakumar said he has appealed to Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu to review and increase the height limit for buildings around Kempegowda International Airport, Jakkur aerodrome, Yelahanka Air Base and HAL Airport.

Speaking to reporters in New Delhi after meeting Naidu on Wednesday, he said, "We discussed increasing the height limit of buildings in Bengaluru. Hyderabad, Mumbai and other cities have higher limits, so we are seeking parity. Builders in Bengaluru are hesitating to purchase Premium FAR in view of this height limitation. The Union minister told us he would speak to the Defence Minister. Our officials have had discussions with HAL, and I will also meet the Defence Minister and discuss this issue. This is important for Bengaluru's

development and for easing Bengaluru's congestion. The height restrictions around airports and airbases is a hindrance for development."

Minister for Minor Irrigation NS Boseraju and Special Representative in Delhi TB Jayachandra accompanied the DCM for the meeting.

DCM DK Shivakumar greets Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu in New Delhi on Wednesday | x

Shivakumar said the Union Minister assured him he was studying guidelines from around the world and also various cities of India, and would hold a meeting next week.

"After two years of efforts, we have decided to build a skydeck in Kempegowda Layout. It isn't possible to erect this within a radius of 20km from any airport. We wanted to build the skydeck near Sompura, along NICE Road, but were refused an NOC. Bengaluru Business Corridor is coming up in Bengaluru and these height restrictions may become a hindrance for the project," he added.

"The Centre has shared its feedback on the second airport. It asked us to finalize the location for the second airport. We have a few options for the location and will take a decision after weighing the pros and cons. I discussed the second airport issue in the interest of Bengaluru city. Industries Minister MB Patil is responsible for the airport project," the DCM explained.

Asked why the Defence ministry isn't cooperating though this demand has been there for years, he said, "The Defence ministry is addressing it in a phased manner. Other states have the same issue. Hence, they will be taking a comprehensive and integrated decision for the entire country."

When asked if the 25-year non-compete clause of Bengaluru International Airport Limited for the second airport was discussed, he said, "The non-compete clause ends in 2033, we have to prepare ourselves before that. There won't be any restriction if BIAL handles the second airport also."

On protests against NICE Road, he said, "Farmers who lost their land must be compensated, there is nothing wrong in their claim. How will they wait for 25 years for compensation?"

FRAGRANCE OF UGADI

City Market wears a festive look on Wednesday as people shop for flowers and other pooja materials for Ugadi festival. Right: Kannada actress Priyanka Upendra, along with members of Bharati Nagar Residents Forum, cook Obattu on firewood due to the gas cylinder shortage | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA, EXPRESS

Officials told to speed up monsoon work

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Bengaluru

GREATER Bengaluru Authority (GBA) Chief Commissioner M Maheshwar Rao instructed officials to complete the development works of stormwater drains (rajakaluves) in the city before the onset of the monsoon. His direction comes in the backdrop of the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) and Karnataka State Natural Disaster Monitor Centre predicting summer showers in Bengaluru for the next few days.

He made these remarks while inspecting the progress of stormwater drain development works taken up across various locations under the jurisdiction of Bengaluru North City Corporation on Wednesday.

"The works are being carried out with funding of Rs 175 crore under the National Disaster Mitigation Fund (NDMF) and Rs 2000 crore under the World Bank-assisted Karnataka Water Security and Resilience Programme (KWSRP). The officials must expedite the ongoing development of stormwater drains connecting one lake to another and ensure completion before the pre-monsoon rains expected to begin in May," he said.

Officials were instructed to adopt nature-based solutions to prevent sewage from entering city lakes. A wetland has already been developed at Jakkur Lake using a nature-based model. Similar models should be implemented in other lakes to ensure that only treated water flows into them, he stated.

The Chief Commissioner directed that all new stormwater drain projects should prioritise nature-based approaches. Plants such as Colocasia and Canna indica, which help absorb and purify wastewater, should be planted.

During inspection of the 1.1 km stormwater drain development from Srinivasapura Lake to Kogilu Lake, he reviewed the wetland at the lake and instructed its development to prevent sewage inflow. He also directed officials to install a sluice gate at Kogilu Lake before the monsoon. "Rejuvenation works of Srinivasapura Lake be taken up on priority and completed before the rainy season," he stressed.

After taking input on the stormwater drain at Bellahalli-Kannur, Rao explained that a new 660-metre stormwater drain is being constructed from Bellahalli Lake to Kannur Lake, following a land survey and marking of the alignment. He said that this will help resolve flooding issues in the area.

He instructed officials to make the buffer zone along the stormwater drain on Dasarahalli Main Road pedestrian-friendly.

12 Kogilu evictees get Hakku Patras under RGHCL

MOHAMMED YACOOB @ Bengaluru

MONTHS after the demolition of the slums at Kogilu in Byatarayanapura Assembly constituency, the state government on Wednesday issued Hakku Patras (title deeds) to 12 out of 61 selected families. Revenue Minister Krishna Byregowda distributed the Hakku Patras. Officials at the Rajiv Gandhi Housing Corporation Limited (RGHCL) said the Hakku Patras recipients are being accommodated in a multi-storey building with a total capacity of 1,187 flats (1-BHK) at Byappanahalli, near Chaleti under the Byatarayanapura Assembly segment. "Not just the slum dwellers from Kogilu, temporary title deeds were given to a few other members, including applicants from Hedge Nagar and Bagalur. Out of the 165 families evicted at Kogilu, the department selected only 61 families. Of these, only 12 families could produce domicile certificates and all other necessary documents and complete the process by paying Rs 50,000 deposit," said RGHCL Managing Director Parashuram Shinnalkar.

Officials in the housing department said the remaining 49 selected families have been asked to submit the necessary documents at the earliest.

Out of the applications received from 165 families evicted from Kogilu Layout, 104 were rejected on various grounds. Even as 30 families did not have domicile certificates, another 20 were migrants. Of the remaining applications, 16 did not have correct addresses, 13 lacked complete documents, eight families had applied at two different places and nine applicants already had a house, the officials said.

BREAKING NORMS

High jumper Nishad soars to 2.10m at able-bodied India Open

SAPTARSHI C @Bengaluru

INDIAN high jumper Nishad Kumar delivered an electrifying performance, soaring to 2.10 metres at the two-day India Open Jump Competition held at the Anju Bobby Sports Foundation in Kengeri, Bengaluru, recently.

The 'golden boy' may have secured fifth place, but the result barely reflected the intensity he brought to the arena. Competing in cool conditions and fresh off expectations of appearing at the World Para Athletics Grand Prix in New Delhi, Nishad turned heads and lifted the energy of the event.

A two-time Paralympic silver medallist (2020 and 2024 T47 category) and the reigning World Para Athletics Champion (2025), Nishad continues to redefine excellence with every leap. Calm, composed, and effortlessly confident, he spoke to *TNIE* in his signature laidback style — proving that even under pressure, he remains firmly in control, both on and off the field.

"I knew I could have won the gold medal there. But here, I found rhythm and I was able to gain the height of 2.10m. Able-bodied competition pushes me to jump better. Last time I participated in an able-bodied event was in Gujarat in 2022," said Kumar, who was representing Himachal Pradesh.

Nishad Kumar in action during the two-day India Open Jump Competition held at Anju Bobby Sports Foundation in Kengeri | ABSF

Kumar, who trains under renowned coach Jeremy Fischer, emphasised that mental conditioning remains a key component of his training regime. He described competing in able-bodied events as an enjoyable and enriching experience, adding that he aimed to give his all in this competition, the first session of the high jump event this season. Having spent the last 35 days training in the US, he believes this performance will serve as added motivation to push for even greater results, going forward. "This time I decided to go with short steps, which are four steps, and trained accordingly. I don't want to comment about the target, as it is sometimes misunderstood. But certainly, this change is giving me good results," he said. He is leaving for the US in the first week of April, and will train there for four months.

Kumar, who stands 6'4", lost his right hand accidentally in a grass-cutting machine on his family farm. With a personal best of 2.14m in high jump, he continues to push boundaries, aiming to surpass limits through advanced training.

EXPRESS READ

Ranbir Kapoor made brand ambassador of city-based realty firm

Bengaluru: Mana Projects, a Bengaluru-based real estate developer, announced Bollywood actor Ranbir Kapoor as its brand ambassador and unveiled its refreshed brand identity. Mana Projects Chairman and Managing Director D Kishore Reddy said, "This rebranding represents the natural evolution of Mana Projects. Our association with Ranbir Kapoor reflects a new chapter as we continue to build communities that enable people to truly live brilliantly." Kapoor said, "I'm delighted to be associated with Mana Projects as they continue to create homes that inspire modern urban families." **ENS**

Gender minority network says no to proposed amendment to Transgender Persons Bill

Members of gender minority organisations stage a protest at Freedom Park on Wednesday, opposing the proposed amendment to the Transgender Bill | VINOD KUMAR T

THE National Network for Gender and Sexual Minorities comprising activists and civil society organisations from 18 districts in Karnataka held a protest on Wednesday in Freedom Park, Bengaluru opposing the central government's Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Amendment Bill, 2026. The amendment proposes to significantly narrow the definition of "transgender person", restricting it largely to traditional socio-cultural identities such as hijra, kinner, aravani and jogta, and persons with intersex variations. Activists argued that by doing so, the bill explicitly excludes people whose gender identity is based on self-perception, thereby undermining the principle of self-identification. They stated that this amendment directly contradicts the historic judgment of the Supreme Court in National Legal Services Authority vs Union of India, which affirmed that every individual has the fundamental right to determine their gender identity. The proposed amendment removes this protection by eliminating the provision that recognised self-perceived gender identity under the existing law. **ENS**

Horoscopes By Holiday

HOLIDAY MATHIS

19th March : Winter's Bow Winter takes its final bow just as the New Moon's intentions begin to stir. Yesterday planted the seed; tomorrow the Equinox tilts the light. And with Mercury retrograde drawing to a close, the static starts to clear. This is a hinge day -- not for bold moves, but for going within and using the Pisces projector of imagination to enjoy beautiful dreams.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
A seashell doesn't have to study sacred geometry; a flower has no need of the math that keeps it in perfect symmetry. Beauty has a way of coming together in the fold of nature's elegance. You'll witness it. You're part of it, too.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 - May 20)
Find out what everyone else is really giving so you can contribute what is needed to a situation instead of duplicating or competing with the other things in the mix. Your contribution is vital to the success of the mission.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 21)
You didn't seek approval, but you got it anyway -- satisfying, but you're careful not to give it too much weight in your psyche, because it's a slippery slope to approval addiction. The approval that matters is your own.

CANCER (June 22 - July 22)
Neuroscience shows that praise and admiration activate reward circuitry similar to food and other pleasures. Like a hungry heart or a craving mind, the ego is keen to be fed by delectable things like attention and social validation.

LEO (July 23 - Aug. 22)
You don't assume you're right; you verify. That extra pass, that second look, that "what am I missing?" is your advantage. Confidence gets attention. Careful thinking avoids trouble. You choose the latter, and it pays off.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 - Sept. 22)
Today you'll be recognized, not for a headline achievement, but for the everyday ways you show up. The consistent decency. The small, thoughtful gestures. The way you treat people. The universe clinks a spoon against a glass to toast you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct. 23)
How do you know you've learned from your mistakes? When you notice that you're making different ones. Success proves you're getting something right, but new mistakes prove you're taking risks and fully living.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 21)
A financial problem or issue of personal responsibility will be addressed. These are the kinds of topics that typically cause arguments. The solution here will bring peace to a relationship.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)
It's one thing to gather for holidays, but it takes a special thought process to host for the sheer enjoyment of being with your favorite people. There's no better reason! Call a few friends and put together a plan for the weekend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 - Jan. 19)
The good news and the bad news are the same: Many people simply aren't paying attention today, which presents both problems and opportunities, often in the same events. It's how you react that matters.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)
It's OK to walk on the sunny side of life and still throw a little shade, because you're a realist. No one is positive at all times and if they were, they would surely annoy others.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - Mar 20)
You're not trying to make people feel special, but they will anyway, because of the warm and deep quality of attention you give -- steady, patient and genuinely curious. You'll create connections as you learn.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle ⬇

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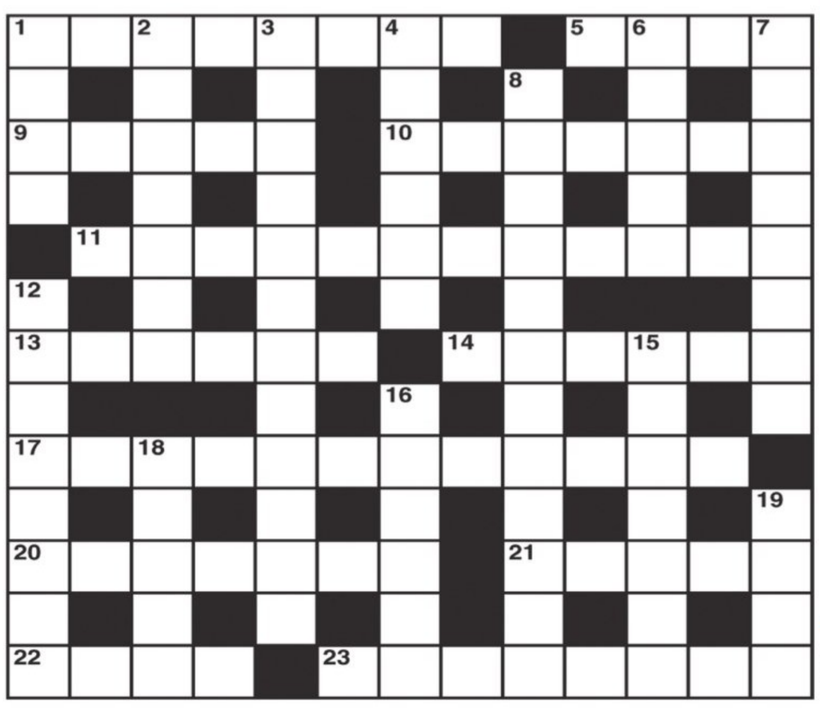

CROSS WORD

ACROSS

1 Wild Etruscan horsemen (8)
5 They are used to make progress in one's craft (4)
9 It amounts to being gross (5)
10 Outstanding winter feature (7)
11 Debases actions meant otherwise (12)
13 A capital rank Arabs hold (6)
14 Idle Jack leads in anger (6)
17 Spirited relations (5,7)
20 Shocking in respect to certain individuals (7)
21 State I had returned to having nothing (5)
22 Such a location makes sound sense (4)
23 The way to encourage fish (8)

DOWN

1 Ignores economies (4)
2 Number come up with task for several computers (7)
3 Every kind of repetition is initial repetition (12)
4 This is not the full version. Start again (6)
6 Allow to own (5)
7 Left with the threat of evil (8)
8 Flawless defence yet speedily broken (5,7)
12 Narrow walks that slope down to the shore (8)
15 Mean to declare a woman's secret (7)
16 Doing nothing right in an examination (2,4)
18 It's done with the opening in public (5)
19 Cape being blown in the wind? (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Caribbean, 8 Ernie, 9 Musical, 10 Cheese, 11 Dealer, 12 Appraise, 15 Obsolete, 18 Clause, 20 Adopts, 21 Bobtail, 22 Ensue, 23 Reasoning.

Down: 2 Amuse, 3 Icicle, 4 Boat race, 5 Nether, 6 Interim, 7 Reference, 11 Decorated, 13 Precious, 14 Espouse, 16 Letter, 17 Batten, 19 Scion.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

OCSTU

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LHNECC

CPIYFA

What do you say? Are we going to clean up together?
We're going to wipe up the competition.
We are with you!
What a great idea.
We love where you're going.
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PLANT GRIME INVITE DISCUS
Answer: The carpenters were stuck in traffic instead of — DRIVING NAILS

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Karnataka will increase its renewable energy generation to 25,000 MW in the next five years and multiple policies have been drawn to achieve the target, said Additional Chief Secretary, energy department, Gaurav Gupta on Wednesday. "We need to achieve this target with cooperation of investors and people," he said

At 79.92%, Karnataka's 5G network reach lags behind Bihar and UP

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

KARNATAKA, home to India's Silicon Valley Bengaluru, has it's 5G network covering only 79.92% of its population, placing it significantly behind most other states like Bihar, which has achieved 94.52% coverage, and Uttar Pradesh, where coverage stands at 85.25%, according to the data presented by the Ministry of Communications in the Lok Sabha on Wednesday.

The figures highlight a notable gap for Karnataka, which also falls below the national average of 86.18% 5G population coverage. Several other states have moved ahead more aggressively, including neighbouring Kerala at 97.54%, Gujarat at 94.87%, and Haryana at 99.52%, indicating that Karnataka is lagging behind not just northern states but also its southern and western peers in terms of reach. Only Delhi, Mumbai, and Kolkata Licensed Service Areas have achieved 100% population coverage by the 5G network.

This relatively lower coverage comes despite Karnataka being among the leading states in telecom infrastructure deployment. The state has installed 34,444 5G base transceiver stations (BTS), fourth highest in the country, and has a substantial user base of 2,33,90,833 (also fourth highest) 5G wireless data subscribers. These figures place it alongside major telecom markets such as Gujarat and Tamil Nadu in terms of adoption and infrastructure scale.

However, the disparity between infrastructure and population coverage suggests uneven distribution of the network within Karnataka. While a significant number of towers have been deployed, the overall reach across the population remains limited compared to states that have achieved broader geographical penetration.

In contrast, Bihar, with 27,938 BTS, has managed to cover a much larger share of its population, while Uttar Pradesh, with the highest number of BTS at 60,637, has also achieved higher coverage levels. This indicates that Karnataka's rollout has not translated into proportionate population coverage.

At the national level, India's 5G expansion has been rapid, with a total of 5,23,866 BTS installed and over 37.6 crore subscribers as of early 2026. The country has also seen strong growth in internet usage, with 1.02 billion subscribers and average monthly data consumption of 25.70 GB per user, exceeding the 17.9 GB average in high-income countries.

India's mobile broadband speeds have improved to a median of 130.24 Mbps, higher than the global median of 107.13 Mbps, reflecting overall progress in telecom quality.

GROUP A, B OFFICERS RECRUITMENT THROUGH KPSC EVERY YEAR: MIN

Byre Gowda says process will follow UPSC model; Amendment Bill will bring in reforms

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KARNATAKA Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda on Wednesday informed the Assembly that the government is prepared to notify recruitment of gazetted probationary officers (Group A&B) through the Karnataka Public Service Commission (KPSC) every year, by adopting the best practices of Karnataka Examination Authority (KEA) to check alleged malpractices and litigations. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah had held a meeting with the chief secretary, Finance department and DPAR to bring in reforms, he informed.

Gowda said KPSC faces more litigation as recruitments are usually notified once in four years, and unsuccessful youth move court due to the age bar to appear for consecutive examinations.

KPSC will be consulted and a specific date fixed to conduct examinations on the UPSC model, he added.

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda makes a point in the Assembly

"Though it would be challenging, a calendar for five years of examinations will be issued in advance by forecasting vacancies, following the Finance department's in-principle approval and departments furnishing information to DPAR for filling Group C vacancies," he stated.

He was replying to a debate in the House over alleged corruption and irregularities in the recruitment to 384 posts (2023-24) by KPSC, for which results of Mains examination were announced on March 2, 2026. "The government has taken the debate over irregularities seriously, KPSC has to take note of the severe disenchantment expressed by the House," he stated.

Addressing the concerns of opposition BJP that KPSC, with 18 members, gives scope for more corruption, Gowda informed that it cannot be reduced until their tenure ends, and the numbers get automatically reduced to eight by May 2027.

In order to bring in more reforms, the Karnataka Public Service Commission (Conduct of Business and Additional Functions) (Amendment) Bill, 2025, was passed but presidential assent is pending. The Centre raised objections for removing the mandatory provision to consult the Commission when changing rules, as it will be a blow to the autonomous body. "We will withdraw it from the Bill and write to the Centre again. If the Bill gets assent, it will help bring reforms such as 50 per cent quorum to pass a resolution in KPSC, and appointment of joint controller of examinations," he explained.

Minister says no to re-exam

Gowda asserted that re-examination of mains for recruitment of gazetted probationers cannot be done only on the basis of suspicion that about 11 who wrote the examination in the same hall made the cut for viva voce. After verifying CCTV footage, KPCC filed a report that no malpractices had taken place, and the 11 successful candidates were not related to each other and came from different districts.

"Re-exam at the interview stage will drag recruitment for two years and affect the 5,800 who had written the exam, and age relaxation will also have to be given," he said. The government will set up a House Committee of all party legislators to give suggestions for more reforms in the Karnataka Public Service Commission.

Min: Need 44K commercial cylinders, but getting only 9K for distribution

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Food and Civil Supplies Minister KH Muniyappa addresses the Legislative Council on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

FOOD and Civil Supplies Minister K H Muniyappa told the Karnataka Legislative Council that only 9,000 commercial LPG cylinders were available in the state for distribution, where the daily requirement is over 44,000 every day. Providing an update on the status of the cylinder availability in the Karnataka Legislative Council on Wednesday, Muniyappa said, "There is no problem with the domestic cylinder supply. Daily requirement of 3,52,921 domestic cylinders is taken care of by oil companies, including Indian Oil."

"While we need 44,000 commercial cylinders daily, the union government said that only 20 per cent can be supplied, which is around 9,000 cylinders", the Minister said and urged that hotel owners to run the show with electric stoves and other arrangements for the time being in the war-like situation and crisis. He said that 16 LPG tanker ships were in queue in Iran, and once they reach India, things will improve.

He said that the available commercial cylinders were supplied on priority. He said that 4,200 cylinders were supplied to hostels, hospitals, educational institutions and 1,200 to airports, railway stations, bus stands, state-run Indira Canteens and Nandini outlets.

"Around 500 cylinders are supplied to food processing industries, sports hostels, agriculture and allied industries", he said.

"Only 1,000 cylinders are available for hotels. We will consolidate and increase them to around 15,000 and they would be supplied with the help of the hotel association", Muniyappa said. He said that 50 per cent of the cylinder requirement of the Legislators House will be supplied till the Karnataka Assembly session ends.

POLITICAL THEATRE

AFTER KHADER, COUNCIL CHAIRMAN HORATTI LOSES COOL OVER UNANSWERED QUESTIONS

BENGALURU: Get answers to all the questions raised by Council members by March 25, or let the House know on action taken against officials, Council Chairman Basavaraj Horatti warned State Government. On Wednesday, JDS MLC SL Bhoje Gowda complained to Horatti that many questions have not been answered and questioned the latter if they could get the replies before the end of the budget session on March 27. Gowda said of the 688 questions, over 400 remained unanswered. "Why are you not taking action against the officials who fail to answer? Get replies to all the questions by March 25. If not, let the House know on what action has been taken against the officials next day (March 26)", Horatti directed Home Minister Dr G Parameshwara. Dr Parameshwara said that departmental secretaries would be suspended if they fail to answer the questions. **ENS**

CALL TO BAN DJ EVENTS AT RELIGIOUS, CULTURAL FESTS IN KARNATAKA

BENGALURU: The state government is considering the imposition of a ban on DJ events at cultural and religious programmes. Kannada and Culture Minister Shivaraj Thangadagi, who revealed the plan, also requested for the cooperation of MLAs from Opposition parties to make this possible. Cutting across party lines, Karnataka legislators, including several ministers, on Tuesday demanded a ban on DJs during festivals and other cultural occasions. Labour Minister Santosh Lad said playing loud "item songs" by DJs has become a growing trend at celebrations, raising concerns over its impact on public decorum. Lad said that in the name of cultural festivals, organisers call DJ artists from outside the state and pay heavy fees to mobilise people. It is shameful that they do it even at religious processions, he said. Adding to this, IT-BT Minister Priyanka Kharge said the DJ culture has cropped up recently, and the trend needs to be arrested. **ENS**

CHAMUNDESHWARI MLA GT DEVEGOWDA RUBBISHES SPECULATION OF QUITTING JDS

MYSURU: Former minister and Chamundeshwari MLA GT Devegowda has firmly stated that he will remain in the JDS, dismissing any speculation of leaving the party. Devegowda clarified that he is committed to the party regardless of whether he is given a ticket in the next elections. "I am in the JDS and I will continue to remain here. Even if the party does not give me a ticket, I am ready to abide by whatever the people of my constituency decide," he said. The MLA also expressed disappointment over some of his former associates. "Those whom I nurtured and supported financially have turned against me. This is not new, it has been happening for a long time," he said. Reaffirming his connection with the electorate, Devegowda assured that he would continue to stand by the people of the Chamundeshwari constituency. "I will be with you. Let your blessings remain with me," he added. **ENS**

PRAJWAL CASE: SPECIAL INVESTIGATION TEAM FILES CHARGE SHEET AGAINST 39

HASSAN: The Special Investigation Team which probed the Prajwal Revanna sexual abuse case has filed the charge sheet against 39 persons in a Hassan court for circulating pen drives with obscene content. One Poornachandra Tejaswi, an advocate in Hassan and election agent for Prajwal, during 2024 Lok Sabha elections had filed the complaint with Hassan CEN Police Station on 23 April 2024 over circulation of pen drives with photos and videos having, allegedly, morphed images of Prajwal. According to Tejaswi the SIT has dropped the names of influential persons from the charge sheet. A special court in Bengaluru had convicted Prajwal Revanna for life imprisonment in August, 2024. BJP functionary Devarajegowda, whose name figures in the charge sheet, said it does not mention the names of Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar, KHB Chairman KM Shivalingegowda, Hassan MP Shreyas Patel, BJP former MLA Preetam J Gowda and Sharath, a close associate of Preetam. **ENS**

HOUSE IN ORDER

Legislative Council session in progress in Vidhana Soudha in Bengaluru on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

COUNCIL PASSES BILLS REGULATING OUTDOOR ADS, TRANSFER OF COPS

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THE Legislative Council on Wednesday passed two bills -- one on regulating outdoor advertisements in the limits of municipalities and the other on transfer of police officers.

Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh tabled the Karnataka Municipalities and Certain Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026. Opposing the fee to be imposed on advertisement hoardings erected on private properties, Leader of Opposition in the Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy said, "If the government imposes such a fee, then such properties must be exempted from property tax."

Opposition members opposed the tax on advertisements displayed on bullock carts, horse carriages, cycle rickshaws and bicycles. BJP member CT Ravi said that it would not be a surprise if the ruling Congress levies tax on "air" in the coming days. MLC K Shivakumar said advertisement hoardings in front of heritage buildings and at prominent junctions in cities and towns should not be allowed.

Replying to them, Byrathi Suresh said legislators seek good roads and other amenities and the civic bodies will not be able to provide them without collecting taxes.

Home Minister G Parameshwara tabled the Karnataka Police (Amendment) Bill, 2026, which provides for a police establishment board with senior officers as its members to transfer personnel up to the rank of deputy superintendent of police in cases of misconduct, negligence, or dereliction of duty.

Rao panel report tabled

The Karnataka Regional Imbalances Redressal Committee's report was tabled in the Council by Planning and Statistics Minister D Sudhakar.

According to the report, of the 246 taluks in the state, 93 are the most backward. Most of them are in Kalaburagi, Belagavi and other districts in the North Karnataka region.

Bagalkot bypolls: CM assures ticket to Meti family

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CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday met the sons and daughters of former MLA late **HY Meti** in the state capital in connection with the April 9 bypolls in Bagalkot Assembly constituency. There were strong differences amidst Meti's sons Mallikarjuna and Umesh and daughters Bayakka and Mahadevi, with Mahadevi declaring that she would contest the polls even if she did not get a Congress ticket.

Sources said Siddaramaiah has convinced all four of them to stay united, and assured that one of them would be given a ticket in consultation with the party high command. As Meti hailed from the Kuruba community, Siddaramaiah shouldered the responsibility to unite them.

BJP to field a Kuruba from Davanagere South

BJP has been planning to checkmate Siddaramaiah in Davanagere South Assembly constituency by fielding GB Vinay Kumar, who is also a Kuruba. Sources said BJP national leaders have already held a round of talks with Kumar in Delhi.

Kumar, who tried in vain to be the Congress candidate in the 2024 LS polls from Davanagere, had contested as an independent and got 42,907 votes. The factionalism within the BJP over Davanagere South seat may turn out to be a boon for Kumar. The camps of former minister MP Renucharya and former MP GM Siddeshwara have been vying for the ticket for Kumar and Yashwantrao Jadhav, respectively. However, if the high command fields Kumar, both camps are likely to accept it, sources said.

Congress high command will decide, says Shivakumar

Meanwhile, when asked if he was aware of the legislators holding meetings, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee president and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar said, "The responsibility to manage legislators rests with the CM, as he is the Congress Legislative Party (CLP) leader."

On the confusion about whom the Congress would give the ticket for Davanagere South by-election, he said, "I don't have information on that. I have discussed it with the CM. The CM held a discussion with the Meti family today (Wednesday) regarding the Bagalkot bypoll. Ticket aspirants for Davanagere South are going to meet us. We will give a report to the high command and they will make a decision. The candidate will be finalised in two or three days."

Under Sakala, 99.35% of applications cleared, says Revenue min

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UNDER the Sakala scheme, 99.35 per cent of applications, especially caste and income certificates, have been cleared, said Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda. He was replying to Congress MLC Abdul Jabbar in the Council on Wednesday.

Gowda said that a slew of measures were taken in the past two-and-a-half years, and all the services under the Sakala scheme, including the caste and income certificates, were provided within the stipulated time frame at the Nada Kacheris and tahsildar offices.

He said of the 1.6 crore applications received last year under various services, over 98 lakh were delivered on time. He said that the service delivery has improved so that citizens can get services through their mobile phone, sitting at home.

The Minister, while replying to BJP MLC P H Poojar, said that many properties have been recorded as waqf in the RTCs (Record of Rights, Tenancy and Crops) without supporting documents like sale deeds, gift deeds and registration papers. He said there was a Supreme Court judgment in a Hyderabad case relating to waqf. Keeping the SC and High Court judgments in connection with waqf, the Minister told the House that the government will obtain an opinion from the law department and the Advocate General and will act on properties recorded as waqf in the RTC.

While replying to ruling member MLC Ramoji Gowda, the Minister said that Karnataka has achieved 98 per cent automatic property mutation, enabling automatic land ownership change.

Of the 1.6 crore applications received last year under various services, over 98 lakh were delivered on time

Krishna Byre Gowda, Revenue Minister

The microbiology department of the Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute (BMCRI) has received accreditation from the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) for a period of four years

Woman held for shouting 'Jai Bangla' gets HC relief

ENS @ Bengaluru

THE Karnataka High Court granted bail to Sarbanu Khatun (25), who was arrested in a suo motu case registered by Hebbagodi police for allegedly raising the slogan 'Jai Bangla'. Justice S Rachaiah recently passed the order to release Khatun, imposing certain conditions. Khatun is a native of West Bengal working as a domestic help at a villa in Hebbagodi, residing in Jigani.

"Perused the averments of the complaint, which indicate that the authority was clearing sheds constructed unauthorisedly on government land, and the process was being captured by one of the persons. At that time, a person had instigated the petitioner to shout the slogan 'Jai Bharat Mata Ki Jai'. However, she called out 'Jai Bangla' and again shouted the slogan 'Jai Bharat Mata Ki Jai' thrice. Having considered the facts and circumstances of the case, and also the fact that she has two minor children and has to take care of them, it is appropriate to grant her bail by imposing suitable conditions that would take care of the apprehension of the prosecution," the court said. A case was registered against the unknown woman who called out 'Jai Bangla' with the intention to hurt the sentiments and feelings of Indians and also to undermine national unity and sovereignty. The petitioner was arrested on January 12, 2026.

Counsel for the accused contended she had no intention to hurt the feelings or sentiments of Indians. When she was provoked to say 'Jai Bharat Mata Ki Jai', in order to avoid further conflict, she might have uttered such a slogan, the counsel told court.

HC grants default bail to 4 in Biklu Shiva murder case

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THE Karnataka High Court granted default bail to four men who were accused in the murder of realtor Biklu Shiva, as the investigating agency has neither completed the investigation nor filed the charge sheet within the statutory period of 90 days. Justice S Sunil Dutt Yadav recently passed the order allowing the petitions filed by Jagadish P, K Kiran, Vimal Raj B and Madan R, who are accused Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 7, respectively.

They challenged the order dated February 2, 2026, passed by the sessions court, confirming the rejection of their applications seeking default bail under Section 187(3) of BNSS on December 26, 2025.

The accused were arrested in connection with the murder of Shivaprakash aka Biklu Shiva on July 15, 2025. The case was entrusted to the CID, which invoked the provisions of KCOCA on August 12, 2025.

The sessions court upheld the contention of the prosecution that setting aside of the order of approval for invoking KCOCA by the high court on December 19, 2025, was neither anticipated nor foreseen, and therefore, it cannot be held that there was any default on the part of the prosecution to file the charge sheet. It was also contended that the order of extending the period to complete the probe cannot be curtailed on mere setting aside of the order of approval of KCOCA. However, the HC stated that though an order for extension of time to complete the investigation beyond the period of 90 days was permissible when KCOCA was invoked, such an order would, however, turn to be eclipsed, once the applicability of KCOCA is set aside by this court, though subsequently. Accordingly, the petitions are allowed and the orders dated December 26, 2025, and February 2, 2026, by the Additional City Civil and Sessions Courts are set aside, the court said, passing the orders to release the accused, imposing certain conditions.

The HC made clear that this order granting default bail on account of the quashing of KCOCA approval should remain subject to any orders passed in the proceedings pending before the SC in the Special Leave Petition filed by the state against quashing order. In the event the SC allows the petition, then the petitioners should abide by the legal consequences, HC said.

CELEBRATION COLOURS

Women show off henna designs on their hands ahead of Eid-ul-Fitr to be celebrated on Saturday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

CRIME PATROL

2 arrested, ₹35 lakh worth silver items recovered

BENGALURU; A 19-year-old silver polishing worker from Rajasthan, addicted to online gaming, has been arrested for stealing more than 10 kgs of silver items worth Rs 35 lakh at the jewellery shop in Halasuru Gate police limits. The police have also arrested his associate. The accused are R Narendra Kumar and his 23-year-old associate R Kuldeep, both natives of Rajasthan. Both the accused are silver polishing workers. The complaint was filed by N Shri Kishna Bishnoi, of Kumbarpet Main Road, on January 29, who runs a jewellery polishing shop in Bettappa Lane. He stated that Kumar, who had joined the shop about a month earlier, had stolen approximately 12 kg of silver articles from the shop and fled. The police on February 28 apprehended both the accused within the limits of Sedwa Police Station in Rajasthan. "The accused visited temples in North India and offered prayers to get a good price for the stolen items. Kumar had incurred debts. He wanted to put the money from selling the stolen ornaments again into online gaming," said the police.

Man ropes in dad to burgle former employer's shop, both held

BENGALURU:The Govindapura police have arrested a 21-year-old laptop service technician and his 45-year-old father for stealing computer spare parts and cash worth Rs 80 lakh from a shop, where the former used to work earlier. The technician had quit the shop located in HBR Layout after fighting with the owner over salary issues. He then hatched a robbery plot with his father to teach a lesson to his former employer. The accused are identified as M Hemanth and his father M Manjunath, a waterman, both residents of T Channayya Layout in Nagawara. Both had no previous cases against them. The police have recovered 444 laptop spare parts, 279 SSD storage devices and Rs 2.29 lakh in cash. The shop owner, 38-year-old G Raghu, had filed a complaint on March 14. In his complaint, he stated that when he went to his shop in 4th Block, HBR Layout, around 11 am, he found the door open and the shop ransacked, "Technical evidence helped us arrest the father and son on March 16. All the stolen valuables have been recovered," said the police.

CCB police nab gun runner from Bhopal, 3 pistols seized

BENGALURU; The Organised Crime Wing (OCW) of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) have arrested a 34-year-old gun runner from Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh, and recovered three country-made pistols, two live cartridges and parts of a revolver. The accused, identified as S Syed Irfan Haider Rizvi, was wanted for supplying arms to two persons who were arrested earlier. He was nabbed from his house in Bhopal on March 12. A case under the Arms Act was registered on February 25 at the CCB Economic Offences Wing. During the investigation, police apprehended two persons, including a 26-year-old businessman, and seized a .32 mm country-made pistol and 50 live cartridges from them. Their supplier, Rizvi, had gone absconding. Rizvi has been remanded to 11-day police custody.

SSLC EXAM DAY 1

LANGUAGE EXAM GOES OFF SMOOTHLY, 98.53% ATTENDANCE

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ANNUAL Exam-1 for SSLC students commenced across the state on Wednesday, with 8,28,477 students allotted hall tickets to write the first language exam; while 8,16,302 students were present, 12,175 students remained absent. The attendance percentage for the first exam was 98.53.

While Bengaluru North and South recorded 98.72 per cent attendance, Ramanagara logged 98.43 per cent and Bengaluru Rural recorded 99.18 per cent. First language exam included Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Marathi, Urdu, English and Hindi. The next exam is Science, to be held on March 23.

No incidents of malpractice were recorded at the exam centres. Students were checked thoroughly for smartphones, watches and earphones. Minister for School Education and Literacy Madhu Bangarappa visited the Karnataka Public School exam centre in Malleswaram to check arrangements made for the exam. He offered roses to every child and wished them the best for exams.

Asha Kumar, a 32-year-old private candidate, wrote her first SSLC exam at Fort High School in Chamarajpet. Asha told TNIE, "I am a homemaker but I always dreamt of completing graduation. Therefore, this year, I took a decision to apply for SSLC exams and prepare for the same. I read textbooks and prepared my own notes. I am happy that I was able to do well in today's exam. My husband is an auto driver and he encouraged me to take up exams and continue studying. After this, I want to pursue PU and degree in the subjects of my interest."

Karnataka State Examination and Assessment Board (KSEAB) ensured police security around exam halls. Police constables were stationed in every exam centre to see that no untoward incidents take place.

ACCIDENT VICTIM REACHES EXAM CENTRE IN AMBULANCE

Kolar: Kusuma, an SSLC student who sustained severe injuries in an accident recently, arrived at the exam centre in Kolar in an ambulance, and was taken to the classroom on a stretcher. Though she had undergone a major surgery and is awaiting two more, she told her parents that she wants to write the SSLC exam. Her parents approached Block Educational Officer BG Narayanaswamy, who took up the issue with the Deputy Director of Public Instructions. He also spoke to KGF District Surgeon Dr Suresh Kumar, who in turn, agreed to provide an ambulance. She was shifted from her residence in Chinnagana Halli to St Mary's High School at Andersonpet.

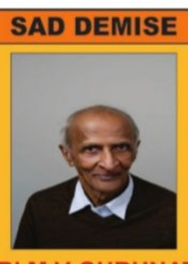
Students being checked before they enter an SSLC exam centre in Bengaluru on Wednesday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Akhilesh with his father Uday

STUDENT WITH DMD WRITES EXAM SANS SCRIBE

Mangaluru; A student with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) and having 75% disability appeared for the SSLC examination at Padua examination centre in Mangaluru on Wednesday without the assistance of a scribe. Akhilesh, who is currently pursuing home-based education from Capitanio School, was accompanied by his father, Uday. Due to his condition, Akhilesh was provided a separate room and wrote the examination sitting on the floor. Laxminarayana, Nodal Officer for SSLC Examin in Dakshina Kannada, said students with Unique Disability IDs (UDID) or a confirmation letter from the surgeon certifying above 40% disability can opt for a scribe. Akhilesh's parent, Uday, said, Akhilesh is capable of writing on his own, so we preferred not to opt for a scribe. While students with disabilities are allowed to appear for four out of six subjects, he is determined to write all six. Uday said Akhilesh was diagnosed with DMD at the age of four. He studied at Nazareth School in Balmatta from Classes 1 to 5, and was able to walk short distances and even ride a bicycle with some assistance during that period. Later, he moved to Kalladka Government Model School and completed Classes 6 to 8 before shifting to Capitanio School. After Covid, his condition worsened. He now finds it difficult to get up from the floor, Uday said.

SAD DEMISE



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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ (3ನೇ ಕರೆ)

ಕಾರ್ಯಪಾಲಕ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರ್, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನಿಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರುರವರು ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ಜಿಲ್ಲೆಯ **ಚಿಕ್ಕಮಗಳೂರು ಮತ್ತು ಕಡೂರು** ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಮೂಲಕ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಗರಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 66.64 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ಮತ್ತು ಕನಿಷ್ಠ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ. 50.71 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು ವಹಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಅಥವಾ ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಿರುವ ಸಾಮರ್ಥ್ಯದ ಬಗ್ಗೆ Standard Tender Document KW-3 ರಂತೆ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಲಗತ್ತಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಸದರಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೆ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ.ಪಿ. ಮೂಲಕ ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿದ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ:16.03.2026 ರಿಂದ ದಿನಾಂಕ:25.03.2026 ರವರೆಗೆ ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯೊಳಗೆ ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿ ಅಪ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡುವುದು. ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 27–03–2026ರಂದು ಸಂಜೆ 5.05 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ಡನ್ನು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 30–03–2026 ರಂದು ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಈ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ಆಕಸ್ಮಿಕ ರಜಾ ದಿನಗಳು ಬಂದಲ್ಲಿ ಮರು ದಿನವನ್ನು ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು **kppp.karnataka.gov.in** website ನಲ್ಲಿ ಓದಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ವಿಷಯ ನಿರ್ವಾಹಕರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ತಿಳಿಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

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BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE, BUILDING THE NATION

The Chalavadi Mahasabha has demanded that the state government provide equal internal reservation among 101 sub castes of SC, pressing for equal reservation to the SC right (Balgai) communities. The forum is planning to stage a protest at Freedom Park in Bengaluru on March 25 and urge the government to not implement Justice Nagmohan Das Committee report, calling it "unscientific"

HAILSTORM SHATTERS DREAMS OF FARMERS

Officials begin survey as green gram, jowar, soybean and mango take a heavy hit

SUBHASH CHANDRA N S
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WHAT began as a breathtaking spectacle, a sudden hailstorm that carpeted villages in ice and drew comparisons to Kashmir, has left a devastating trail of destruction for farmers in the region.

A day after the unusual summer hailstorm and heavy showers swept through Kalghatgi, the blanket of white ice has been replaced by a saddening green one: tender mangoes and shattered crops lying on the ground. The hailstorm on Tuesday has resulted in severe crop loss, plunging farmers into distress. Agriculture and horticulture officers are now on a hectic schedule, assessing the extent of the damage across affected villages including Machapur, Shivanapura, Gelavantarahalli, and Jinnur.

Parashuram Yettinagudda, an organic farmer from Machapur, recounted the extensive damage. "All our mangoes have been destroyed. In addition, our crops of green gram, soybeans, and jowar are completely wiped out. The tender mangoes have fallen to the ground, and even the trees have lost their leaves," he lamented.

In Gelavantarahalli, farmer Basavaneppa Adargunchi said, "My eight-acre sugarcane crop has been wiped out. We had also cultivated maize and jowar to ensure fodder for our cattle. There is no crop left; the standing crop has collapsed. Even the dry fodder we had collected and stored under a tarpaulin is damaged."

Sridevi, the horticulture officer for the region, confirmed that such a hailstorm has never occurred here before. "The entire mango crop in this region is lost. Hailstorms cause severe damage, and this is the critical time when mangoes are at their tender stage. Almost everywhere we have found damaged tender mangoes. Mango is covered under weather crop insurance, so farmers will receive compensation, but it is deeply saddening that the entire mango crop is gone this year," she told *TNIE*.

According to her initial assessment, the region cultivates Alphonso mango on 2,149 hectares, and the entire crop has been affected. Additionally, 20 hectares of arecanut and 2-3 hectares of banana plantation have been completely destroyed.

Mango crop damaged due to hailstorm at Kalghatgi in Dharwad district

HAILSTORM KILLS 39 SHEEP, FARMER DEVASTATED

Belagavi: A shepherd's 39 sheep were killed in a heavy hailstorm on Tuesday night near Sankeshwar. The incident has left him devastated, as his primary source of livelihood is completely destroyed. The sheep belonged to Shankar Karajagi, who was entirely dependent on sheep rearing for his livelyhood. The animals had been sheltered in a makeshift enclosure set up in Santosh Mudasi's agricultural field. However, the sudden spell of heavy rain, hailstorm and gusty winds proved fatal, killing all 39 sheep on the spot. The loss is estimated to be worth several lakhs of rupees, pushing the already struggling shepherd and his family into severe financial distress. With his entire flock wiped out in a single night, Karajagi now faces an uncertain future, as his means of income has been completely destroyed. Officials and local representatives visited the spot to assess the situation. Sankeshwar Village Administrative Officer NR Patil, along with veterinary staff, village assistant Rasheed Nannubhai and Halumatha community leader Gajanan Kwalli, inspected the site and took stock of the damage. **ENS**

LIGHTNING KILLS TWO AS HEAVY RAIN LASHES RURAL AREAS

Gadag/Raichur: Two persons were killed in the first heavy rain of the year that lashed several districts on Tuesday. A farmer was killed in a lightning strike on the outskirts of Menasagi village in Ron taluk of Gadag. The deceased has been identified as Ningappa Amatya (58), a resident of Menasagi. Reports said Ningappa was returning home from work when the rain began. He took shelter near a tree on the bank of the Bennehalla stream, when the lightning struck the tree, killing him on the spot. Several areas in Ron taluk experienced heavy downpours accompanied by hail, thunder, and intense lightning. In another incident, a youth died after being struck by lightning on the outskirts of Salagunda village in Sindhanur taluk Raichur district on Tuesday. Manjunath (25) was returning to his house after feeding his sheep when the bolt hit him. Police and revenue department officials visited the spot and sent his body to the government hospital in Sindhanur for autopsy. A lightning strike was also reported in the Halajadaladinni village of Arakera taluk, which burned down a coconut tree. Heavy rain was also reported in Malladagudda, Salagunda and surrounding villages in Sindhanur taluk, in addition to some areas in Sirwar, Manvi, Lingasugur and Arakera taluks. **ENS**

NOTICE TO 18 OFFICIALS

Upa Lokayukta steps in to curb bio-medical waste in Huliyar tank

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A suo motu case has been registered by Upa Lokayukta Justice B Veerappa for dumping bio-medical waste into the Huliyar lake bed in Chikkanayakanahalli taluk in Tumakuru district. He sought a response from 18 officials, including the Assistant Commissioner of Tiptur Division, the Tahsildar of Chikkanayakanahalli taluk, and the Executive Officer of the Taluk Panchayat, Chief Officer of the Town Panchayat of Huliyar, officials of the Minor Irrigation Department, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board and the Health and Family Welfare Department.

Treating the alleged inaction on the part of those officials in taking steps under the Bio-Medical Waste (Management and Handling) rules, 1998, to protect the water body, as maladministration under the Karnataka Lokayukta Act, the Upa Lokayukta directed them to take action as per law against the persons who are dumping medical waste in the lake bed and submit the report by April 27.

Taking suo motu cognisance of a media report which highlighted that the medical waste is being dumped into Huliyar lake bed after it was prevented from dumping in hospital premises, Justice Veerappa marked a copy of the order to the Minister of Water Resources and Tumakuru District In-charge Minister and Deputy Commissioner for necessary action.

Review through video conference

On the other hand, Upa Lokayukta Justice K N Phaneendra reviewed the steps taken on the suomoto complaints he registered concerning Dharwad district through video-conference from his office. During this, he queried about the smoke covering for about 3.5 km owing to a fire erupting in the solid waste management at Hosayallapura, causing inconvenience. The Deputy Commissioner of Dharwad informed that it took three days for them to douse the fire in the unit. He also informed that 4.50 lakh metric tonne legacy waste in the solid waste management unit would be disposed of in 18 months, and a compound wall will be constructed around the unit using the funds from the 16th Finance Scheme. Justice Phaneendra also reviewed the steps taken by the Dharwad district administration for cleaning and desilting of Kolikere, for which Rs 6 crore was sanctioned, preventing the joining of underground drainage (UGD) water to the Kelageri lake, for which Rs 30 crore was sanctioned after his visit to the district. He also reviewed the measures taken for addressing issues highlighted during his visit to the District Government Hospital and the Dr B R Ambedkar Post-Metric Girls and Boys Hostels, and about the shifting of the slaughterhouse in Mangalwarpet.

State to generate 25,000 MW green energy in next five years

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KARNATAKA will increase its renewable energy generation to 25,000 MW in the next five years and multiple policies have been draw to achieve the target, said Additional Chief Secretary, energy department, Gaurav Gupta on Wednesday.

He said: "We need to achieve this target of 25,000MW with cooperation of investors and people."

He was speaking on the sidelines of the release of the book "How can India make its renewable future, a responsible one" at an event organised by Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Corporation Ltd (KREDL) and Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW) in the City.

Pointing to the various challenges including land acquisition for the execution of the target, Gupta said, people are concerned about the impact on their livelihoods and investors see this as a hurdle. But they need to be educated that renewable energy is crucial for the country's development. The land acquisition and conversion procedures have been simplified, special online portals have been created for farmers to facilitate land conversion. Investors can discuss with farmers and register online for land conversion post which renewable energy projects can be initiated, he said.

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1) Detail of Work: THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, M.I. & G.W.D. DIVISION, KALABURAGI INVITES TENDER FROM THE ELIGIBLE TENDERERS FOR THE WORK UNDER 4702 APB,/4702 L.I.S. & S.C.P. & T.S.P. FOR THE YEAR 2025-26, 2) Amount of Estimate : **Max. Rs. 169,48,497.75 Min. Rs. 3,43,481.25**, 3) Eligibility of Contractor: Class - 4 & Above, 4) Details of Tender Application Amount and EMD Amount: Tender Fee As Per KPP Portal E.M.D. Max. Rs. 2,55,000.00 Min. Rs. 8,600.00, 5) PRE-BID MEETING DATE: **04-04-2026 Up to 11.00 Hours,** 6) Last Date & Time for Tender Queries/ Clarifications: **06-04-2026 Up to 11.00 Hours**, 7) Last Date & Time for Receipt of Tenders: **07-04-2026 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 8) Date & Time for Opening of Technical Bid: **08-04-2026 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 9) Date & Time for Opening of Financial Bid: **09-04-2026 Up to 17.30 Hours**, 10) Addl. information: Executive Engineer, M.I. & G.W.D. Division, Kalaburagi, 11) Address of E-Portal: **(https://kppp.Karnataka.gov.in)**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation & Ground Water Development Division, Kalaburagi

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ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ-ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ
ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಉತ್ತರ)

ಪತ್ರ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ ನಂ. ಎಚ್‌ಡಿಎಮ್‌ಸಿ/61/12/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 17–03–2026

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ / ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ

ಉಲ್ಲೇಖ : ಜಾಹಿರಾತು ನಂ:–1267 ದಿನಾಂಕ:– 20–02–2026

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಸನ್ 2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ವಾರ್ಡ ವಾರು ಅನುದಾನ ಹಾಗೂ ಸನ್ 2025–26ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಯೋಜನೆ ಅಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಂಜೂರಾದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಆದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ್ಯಕ್ಟ್ 2000 ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ PWD ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಐಬಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಕಾರಣಗಳಿಂದ ಸದರಿ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯಾದಲ್ಲಿ, ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಬ್ಲಿಕ್ ಪ್ರೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

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ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಅವಧಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಉತ್ತರ) ಇವರ ಕಚೇರಿಯ ಕೆಲಸದ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಚೇರಿಯ ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: **0836:2213834**ನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ಮತ್ತು ಅಂತರ್‌ಜಾಲದ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ : **kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ **ದಿನಾಂಕ: 23–03–2026** ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ 01, 10 ರಿಂದ 21 ಹಾಗೂ 37ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:02–04–2026 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
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ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ 37 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 08–04–2026 ರಂದು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಇಲ್ಲದಿದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ನಂತರದ ಅನುಕೂಲಕರ ದಿನಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.
ಕ್ರ. ಸಂ 02 ರಿಂದ 09, 22 ರಿಂದ 36ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:06–04–2026 ರಂದು ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ 4.00 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ
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ಸಹಿ/–ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ಉತ್ತರ)
ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಇ/ಧಾರವಾಡ/1370/ದೇಶಪಾಂಡೆಪಬ್ಲಿಸಿ/2025–26

District Urban Development Cell, Deputy Commissioner Office, Hassan District.
Telephone No: 08172-234839 Email:pdhassandudc@gmail.com

No:Mun(2)CR/113/2025-26 Date:17-03-2026

: TENDER NOTIFICATON : e-proc No. DMA/2025-26/BD/Work-Indent No:51680/Call-3

The Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Hassan Deputy Commissioner Office, Hassan District, Hassan invites tenders in two cover system using KW-2&3 document from class-1 contractors for CMSMTDP Nagarothana (Municipality) Phase-4 project Hassan District, Town Municipal Council, Belur Package works as details below:- Sl. No. Indent Number 1)e-proc No. DMA/2025-26/BD/ Work-Indent No: 51680/Call-3 Description of Work Upgradation of Belur Municipal office building in Belur Town Municipal Council Limit, Hassan District. Estimate Cost (Rs.in Lakhs)Rs.66.00 Interested contractors shall register on the e-procurement platform to participate in this tender. Contractors can download the tender documents from the E-Procurement platform (www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in). Tenders shall be submitted electronically at (www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in). EMD and Tenders Processing Fee shall also be paid electronically Calender of events & other information is as follows:- Calendar of Events and other information are as follows: 1.Period of Construction 06 Months 2.Earnest Money Deposit 1,39,000 3.Last Date for submitting of completed tender documents in E-portal Date: 06-04-2026 upto 17.30 hrs 4.Date of Opening of Tenders (Technical Bids) Date:08-04-2026 at 11.00 AM Any changes in the tender conditions and Postponement of calendar of events (if any) is only through e-Procurement portal and will not be published in any newspapers.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, District Urban Development Cell, Hassan.

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(A Government of India Undertaking)

Canara Bank, ARM Branch I
2nd Floor, No. 86, Spencers Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001.

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisio to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ARM Branch-1 (Earlier Agricultural finance Branch), Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **24.04.2026 (11.00 AM to 11.30 AM),** for recovery of **Rs. 59,09,629.73/-** as on 16.03.2026 with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from **1. Mr. Nandikolla Naveen,** PL 527 2nd Floor, Stree 14 Lane 1, Miyapur, HYDERABAD, TELNGANA - 500049. **Also at : Mr. Nandikolla Naveen** S/o. Satyanarayana, 4-68/6, Ganesh Nagar, Opp. C C Reddy School, Kodad Kodad Mandalam, Nalgonda, Andhra Pradesh - 508206. **Also at : Mr. Nandikolla Naveen,** Flat No. B 304, Third Floor. R F Twilight, Tower B, Kengeri, Banglore, Karnakata-560060.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentionedin the said challan on or before **23.04.2026, 5.00 pm.** **(Rs. in Lacs)**

Lot	Description of the immovable/ movable assets	Reserve Price Rs.	EMD Rs.	Incremental value Rs.
1	**SCHEDULE A :** All that piece and parcel of the property bearing numbers 5,6,7,8,9,14,15,22,23,24, 16,17,18,19,20,21,25A,26,27 and 28 B.B.M.P khata Number 1324/866/5 situated at Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road ,Yelahanka, Banglore North measuring East to West 183.5+165.3/2 Feet and North to South 223+147/2 feet and **bounded on the : East by :** Private Property, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Road and Maruthi Nagar Housing Board Layout, **South by :** Property belonging to Smt. Vijayamma. **SCHEDULE B :** 317.9 Square Feet undivided right, title and interest in the schedule 'A' Property. **SCHEDULE C :** A Two Bed Room Apartment bearing No.G013, situated on Ground Floor in the building Known as "MIDHILA DELUXE" constructed on schedule-A property with a Super Built Up Area of 1135 Sq Feet with one covered car parking area in Basement floor and having R CC Roofing Vitrified Flooring, Main Door and shutter decorative moulded made of quality hard wood (Both side teak finish) Wood Windows/Internal Flush Doors with Sal wood frames with proportionate share in common areas lobbies passages, lifts, staircase,etc,with electricity water and sanitary connection with all appurtenances whatsoever with common use of approach to car parking area and staircase situated at Maruthi Nagar, Kogilu Village Road, Yelahanka, Bangalore North. **bounded on the : East by :** Common Area, **West by :** Court Yard, **North by :** Flat No G014, **South by :** Flat No G012.	63.65	6.365	1.00

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in **Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com)** or E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal and may contact **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, Ph. No. 080-25310066, 9901642631 and 9483544116** during office hours on any working day.

Date: 17.03.2026
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Offier
Canara Bank

MAHATRANSCO Maharashtra State Electricity Transmission Co. Ltd.

INVITATION FOR BID (IFB) (LOCAL COMPETITIVE BIDDING)

SRM e-Tender No. T-2621/MSETCL/CO/Projects/Pre-Tender (RFx No. 6000001495)

MSETCL invites offers by SRM e-tendering in TWO bid system (Techno-Commercial Bid and Price Bid) from the eligible registered bidders for the following work as detailed below.

"Establishment of 132/33kV substation at Fulsawangi, Dist. Yavatmal alongwith LILO on one circuit of 132kV Pusad - Gunj line at proposed 132kV Fulsawangi Substation (Route Length- 27.8 km) on turnkey basis under Amravati Zone, MSETCL, Maharashtra."

Interested bidders may obtain further information available on the website **https://srmetender.mahatransco.in**

The date of downloading of Bid documents available on the website is from 12.03.2026

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Chief Engineer (Projects), MSETCL

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LEGAL AND RECOVERY DEPARTMENT
Demand Notice

(1) Mr. Rajesh N S/o Mr. Nagarajaiah
(2) Mr. Prashanth N S/o Mr. Nagarajaiah
Both are residing at: No.12, V P Khatha No.155/4B, Kothnur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru-560062

The credit facilities under **PSTL A/c No.1177001800018201 dtd 05.06.2014 for Rs.24,00,000/- availed by you No.1] Mr. Rajesh N and you No.2] Mr. Prashanth N as the Borrowers at our Bengaluru- City Civil Court Branch.** The above mentioned loan accounts have been classified as Non - Performing Asset on **03.10.2025** and that action under SARFAESI Act has been initiated by issuing a detailed Demand Notice under Section 13(2)&(3) of Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 by the Authorised officer of the Bank on **17.02.2026** to the parties concerned. The said Demand Notice sent by speed post with acknowledgement to you **No.1] Mr. Rajesh N and you No.2] Mr. Prashanth N** has been returned undelivered. Hence, we have published the contents of the Demand Notice by way of this Notice by observing the procedures laid down in the SARFAESI Act 2002. The total aggregate balance of **Rs.8,77,722.78 (Rupees Eight Lakh Seventy Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Two And Paisa Seventy Eight Only)** with future interest at the rate mentioned herein below. You are called upon to pay the same within 60 days from the date of this paper publication.

Nature & Account No.	Balance Outstanding (Rs.)	Rate of Interest (compounded monthly)	Interest Calculated upto	Interest to be added from
PSTL A/c No.117700 1800018201	Rs. 8,77,722.78	10.20%	04.02.2026	05.02.2026

Brief description of the Mortgaged Property (Secured Asset)

All that part and parcel of residential property bearing Site No.12, measuring 1200 sq ft, V.P.Khatha No.155/4B (formed out of Survey No.155/4B) together with building constructed thereon situated at Kothanur Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru belonging to **Mr. Rajesh N and Mr.Prashanth N.**

Please note that I, the Authorised Officer of the secured creditor Bank intend to enforce the aforesaid security in the event of failure to discharge your liabilities in full on or before the expiry of 60 days from the date of this publication.

Further, your attention is drawn to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, wherein the time for redemption of mortgage is available only up to the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting tenders.

Place : Bangaluru
Date : 17.03.2026

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer
For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

Train services were briefly disrupted after a wild gaur rammed the Angadi Express and died on the spot along the Londa–Gunji railway stretch in Khanapur on Thursday. The Angadi Express, which was heading from Bengaluru towards Belagavi, came to an abrupt halt around 5 am

DMK allots five seats to CPI, CPM weighs solo run

None of CPM members were in favour of accepting 5 seats: Sources

PRABHAKAR TAMILARASU / S KUMARESAN @ Chennai

AFTER days of negotiations, the CPI settled for five seats, one less than the number of seats it contested in the 2021 Assembly elections, in the DMK-led SPA alliance on Wednesday.

However, the State Committee of CPM, the other Left ally of the DMK, has decided not to accept anything less than the six seats that the party had contested in 2021. The party said it may even go alone if the seats are reduced to below six.

Election paraphernalia being sold in Chennai ahead of Assembly polls | ASHWIN PRASATH

The CPM committee, which met on Wednesday, discussed the DMK's offer of five seats. A member, speaking anonymously, said that none of the state committee members were in favour of accepting five seats. The committee also discussed the probability of contesting alone. "If our demand is not met, the committee has decided not to accept any seats from the DMK and contest on its own in a limited number of constituencies where its winnability is high," a committee member told *TNIE*. The member also referred to the 1998 Lok Sabha elections when the party contested two seats and supported the DMK-led alliance in the rest 37 seats. The member said it was not new for the party to contest in such a manner and support the alliance elsewhere. CPM, which originally demanded seats in two digits, later lowered its demand to seven seats.

Earlier on Wednesday, DMK president and Chief Minister MK Stalin and CPI state secretary M Veerapandiyan signed the seat-share agreement at the DMK headquarters. CPI also began its negotiations with a demand for seats in two digits. However, DMK was initially willing to allot only four. DMK had conveyed to CPI that they could not offer more seats, as there are more parties in the alliance now, including DMDK and MNM, compared to 2021.

After signing the agreement, Veerapandiyan told the media that they agreed on the number after long negotiations and understanding the DMK's situation. "The CM himself said that the DMK has decided to contest fewer seats than it did in 2021. Hence, we have also decided to accept it," Veerapandiyan said.

TN ex-CM OPS attends candidate interview

CHENNAI: The Assembly election ticket aspirants in DMK, who came for a formal selection interview being conducted by the party at its headquarters, Anna Arivalayam, on Wednesday, were taken by surprise to see a fellow contestant: Former chief minister O Panneerselvam, a most unlikely candidate to be seen in the camp even months ago.On Wednesday, as various ticket aspirants participated in the interview led by Stalin, Panneerselvam and his son participated in the exercise. **ENS**

Uncertainty looms over Cong 2nd list in Kerala

T'PURAM: Uncertainty looms over the Congress' second candidate list for the Kerala assembly elections, as hectic parleys in New Delhi on Wednesday failed to reach consensus over key constituencies, especially those in the south and central regions, as well as the candidature of MPs. Despite efforts by senior leaders, including K C Venugopal, and the KPCC leadership, former state Congress chief K Sudhakaran remained firm in his demand to contest the assembly polls. **ENS**

WAR OF WORDS

Gowda slams Kharge, says 'divorced' Cong as it was 'forced marriage'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

FORMER Prime Minister and Rajya Sabha member **HD Deve Gowda**, albeit in a subtle way, hit back at Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha and All-India Congress Committee (AICC) president Mallikarjun Kharge over the latter's reported light- hearted comment on the former in his absence in the Upper House.

"He made a lighthearted comment in Parliament about me having been in love with them (Congress) but married Modi Ji (BJP) eventually. He also said he did not know the reason as to why I did so. If I were to respond to my friend in the same language of marriage, I would like to say that I was in a forced marriage with the Congress but had to divorce them because it was an abusive relationship," Deve Gowda posted on social media platform X.

Gowda said he was not present as he had to leave for Bengaluru to attend Ugadi celebrations back home.

"Kharge will remember that in 2018 Congress sent Ghulam Nabi Azad and offered HD Kumaraswamy the CM post. I did not consent to this. I told in everybody's presence that Kharge should be made CM. Siddaramaiah was also there. However, Azad insisted on Kumaraswamy's leadership. But after all this song, dance and a wedding, what did they do in 2019? They dumped us. How many Congress MLAs defected to BJP and who sent them across is now common knowledge. If Congress had acted against the person who instigated defection that day, today my friend, Kharge, would be in a better position as AICC president," the JDS supremo said.

"So to put the record straight, I did not desert the Congress alliance. It is they who walked away. They left me with no choice but to divorce them and seek a more stable alliance," he said.

Families of dead RSIs to get ₹5L

ENS @ Bengaluru

CHIEF Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday announced compensation of Rs 5 lakh each to families of three newly recruited Reserve Sub-Inspectors (RSI) who died in a horrific road accident near Heggere Gate in Challakere taluk of Chitradurga district on Sunday. The CM also announced Rs 2lakh compensation to those injured in the accident.

"This is a very unfortunate incident. I pray that the souls of the deceased may rest in peace and their family members find the strength to bear the pain," the CM stated, announcing the compensation. On Sunday, RSIs Amaresh Bargi, 29, from Virupapura village in Sindhanur region of Raichur district, Sachin, 29, from Kuduvalki village in Tirthahalli, Shivamogga district, and Manjunatha Dharimani, 32, from Karatagi in Koppal district, died in the accident. Mahantesh Bommannavar, 30, from Belagavi, a Civil PSI and L Eshwar, 28, from Hurulugallu village in Sagar taluk, Shivamogga district, had sustained injuries. The five newly-inducted PSIs were en route to attend the wedding of their colleague Veeresh, who had recently been appointed RSI, at Valmiki Bhavan in Ballari on Sunday.

Actor Vijay in play amid trouble in Pondy NDA

DEBJANI DUTTA @ Puducherry

The ruling NDA in Puducherry is facing trouble from within, as Chief Minister **N Rangasamy** visited Salem to seek spiritual guidance from his guru, Appa Paithiyam Swamigal, before taking the final call on the alliance's future. He parallelly reached out to actor-turned-politician Vijay for a possible electoral understanding with the latter's TVK.

The current impasse revolves around dissonance over the BJP's bid to induct a party floated by lottery baron Santiago Martin's eldest son Jose Charles Martin, into the NDA. Martin's Lakshya Jananayaga Katchi (LJK) was floated in December last. However, Rangasamy does not want moneybag Martin's party anywhere near him. He also wants clarity on Puducherry's statehood, which he flagged during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit, but hasn't got a clear word yet.

A few LJK functionaries have submitted their nomination papers. BJP MLA Vivilian Richards (son of BJP minister John Kumar) filed his papers as an LJK candidate from Bahour and so did his brother Villiam Regan from the same seat.

FIRE BREAKS OUT AT SCB ONCE AGAIN, THIS TIME IN NON-TRAUMA WARD

CUTTACK: Two days after a fire claimed 12 lives at SCB medical college and hospital (MCH), another blaze erupted again in the non-trauma casualty ward of the hospital on Wednesday afternoon. At around 1 pm, smoke was found emanating from a switchboard inside the store room of the non-trauma casualty ward possibly due to electric short circuit. Over 100 patients were undergoing treatment. The smoke detector triggered the alarm. However, the CM Mohan Charan Majhi ordered the suspension of four officials for alleged negli-gence. Those placed under suspension include deputy fire officer, Cuttack circle; Prakash Kumar Jena, assistant fire officer, Cuttack circle; Sanjeeb Kumar Behera, station officer, SCB MCH; Abhinab Prusty and assistant executive engineer Ranjan Kumar Biswal of the SCB sub-division. **ENS**

'Laws lack mechanism for protection of at-risk couples'

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ACCORDING to the bill, its objective is "whereas the persistence of caste-based discrimination in Karnataka continues to manifest in brutal forms of violence, including honour killings, particularly against young adults who exercise their constitutional right to choose their life partners through inter-caste marriages. While offences like murder, assault and criminal intimidation are punishable under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023 (Central Act 45 of 2023), these provisions do not adequately address the specific social motive of preserving perceived "caste honour" or the wide range of coercive practices employed from performing death rituals (thithi) for living daughters, denying lawful inheritance rights, social ostracism, to insidious attempts at causing harm through poisoning or other covert means.

Such acts not only violate fundamental rights guaranteed under Articles 14, 15, 19, and 21 of the Constitution of India but also undermine the vision of social reformers like Basavanna and BR Ambedkar, who advocated inter-caste marriages as a means to eradicate caste hierarchy." The bill also stress that the existing laws lack proactive mechanisms for protection of at-risk couples, mandatory police intervention, fast-track adjudication, and restoration of civil rights such as inheritance. In the absence of a dedicated legislation, perpetrators often escape stringent punishment and victims or survivors receive inadequate relief and rehabilitation.

WHAT IT PROHIBITS

- Causing death or physical injury to either partner or their associates
- Harassing the couple, physically or through communication
- Abduction of either partner
- Social or economic boycott of the couple or their family
- Imposing fines on the couple or their associates
- Forcibly declaring a married couple as siblings
- Performing symbolic disownment rituals (death ceremonies) against living persons
- Denying succession or property rights
- Confining individuals to house arrest
- Freezing bank accounts
- Forcing or causing abortion or miscarriage

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Tirumala to get chemical treatment for longevity

Tirumala: The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) has taken a major initiative to prserve the sacred temple of Lord Venkateswara through a comprehensive scientific chemical treatment. This project, which will soon begin with the Potu (temple kitchen). According to temple officials, chemical treatment of stone and granite structures has been practised at Tirumala for decades, but earlier efforts were limited to select areas such as the Ranganayakula Mandapam near the Dhwaja Sthambham. Now, however, the project will cover the entire temple complex. **ENS**

Sarke Chunariya row: Prem apologises, says lyrics misinterpreted

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

A day after the Hindi song 'Sarke Chunariya', featuring Nora Fatehi and Sanjay Dutt, was removed from streaming apps amidst mounting controversy over its lyrics, all versions of the song including the original in Kannada, 'Sarse Ninna Seraga' from 'KD-The Devil', were pulled down on Wednesday.

Breaking his silence, film director and lyricist of the Kannada song Prem apologised, maintaining he did not intend to offend anyone. "No one deliberately makes mistakes. I have written songs about mother, God, love, relationships, and folk subjects. Audiences come to my films expecting good music, and I remain grateful for that," he said a video statement. The lyrics snowballed into a major debate, particulary the Hindi version, with the issue even being raised in Parliament. Explaining the idea behind the song, the director said, "When I wrote 'Sarse Ninna…', it came from a different perspective. The imagery was based on alcohol bottle and pickle. I structured the lines to create curiosity. There was nothing vulgar in my mind. It has been understood differently... If people have felt hurt, I apologise. I have never written anything with an obscene meaning... I will rewrite the song and upload a new Hindi version."

On the Hindi version, Prem pointed to a disconnect, stating that some words, written by Raqueeb Alam, did not sit right with him and he could not fully engage due to language limitations. Responding sharply to Nora Fatehi's remarks, Prem said, "An actor commits to a project only if they feel it is right and performs after understanding the lyrics. Without that, expression is not possible. She had spoken positively at the song launch event." The song was released in Kannada, Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam and Hindi, and all versions have been removed.

BGS STUDENTS BAG TOP RANKS IN UG, PG

Bengaluru: Several students from BGS Global Institute of Medical Sciences have secured top ranks in undergraduate (2020-21) and postgraduate (2022-23) examinations conducted by the Rajiv Gandhi University of Health Sciences. The list of rank holders are: Dr Asmita Prasad (1st rank), Dr H Shreya (3rd), Dr Archana S Mudakavi (4th), Dr G M Roopashree (5th), Dr L Surabhi (6th), Dr M Lakshmi (6th), Dr R Shivani (8th), Dr Nidhi Nagesh Rao (8th), Dr P Rakshita (9th), Dr Meghana Aithal Kandur (9th), Dr Tarun Kumar D Jain (9th), Dr Keerthana V Prakash (10th), Dr Aniruddha Balakrishnan (10th), Dr C S Sharan Prasad (10th), Dr C S Sumaya Anand (10th) and Dr C S Anagha (10th). BGS and SJB Group of Institutions Managing Director Dr Prakashanath Swamiji congratulated all the students and faculty members. **ENS**

FORM No. 63
[See Rule 148(1)]
IN THE HON'BLE HIGH COURT OF KERALA AT ERNAKULAM
(Original Jurisdiction)
In the matter of the companies Act, 1956
And
In the matter of M/s. LIBRA STEELS PRIVATE LIMITED
(IN LIQUIDATION)
Company Petition No. 25/2005

Advertisement of notice to creditors to prove their claim

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of the above named company that they are required to submit to the Official Liquidator of the Court, Proofs of their respective debts or claims against the above named company by delivering at the office of the Official Liquidator on or before the **30th day of September, 2026** or sending by post to the Official Liquidator so as to reach him not later than the said date, an affidavit proving the debt or claim in the prescribed form i.e. Form No.66 (in respect of the General Creditors) and Form No.67 (in respect of the workers of the company) of the Companies (Court) Rules, 1959 with their respective names, addresses and particulars of debt or claim and any title to priority under section 529 and 529A or 530 **in duplicate**. Any creditor who fails to submit his affidavit of proof within the time limit as aforesaid will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution of dividend before his debt is proved, or, as the case may be, from objecting to such distribution.

Any creditor who has sent in his proof, if so required by notice in writing from the Official Liquidator, shall either in person or by his advocate, attend the investigation of such debt or claim at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice and shall produce such further evidence of his debt or claim as may be required.

Dated this the 16th day of March, 2026

Sd/-
OFFICIAL LIQUIDATOR
HIGH COURT OF KERALA
Corporate Bhawan, 3rd Floor, B.M.C. Road,
Thrikkakara P.O., Kochi - 682021, Phone No.0484 2422889 (O)

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CITY MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, GANGAVATHI.
Tq: Gangavathi- 583227, Dist: Koppal, St: Karnataka.
Contact : 08533–230243 Website : www.gangavathicity.mrc.gov.in
Website : www.gangavathicity.mrc.gov.in E mail ID : itstaff_ulb_gangavati@yahoo.com

NO: CMCGVT/TENDER/TS/2025-26 Dated : 16-03-2026.

KTPP Tender
(As per Standard Tender Procurement Documents KW-1/2/4)

As per KTPP 2000 Act by the Order and in the name of Governer, Karnataka State Tenders are invite under 2024-25 -15th FC Savings , 2025-26 15th FC & 2025-26 Municipal Fund for various Civil Work. Eligible registered bidders are requested to bid in **Two Cover** System via KTPP Portal Website **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on/or before the date mentioned as under through e-portal only. Manual application will not be accepted.
Further details contact under signed office at Working hours.

1	KTPP Portal Tender Schedule Download Date from	**17-03-2026 at 05-30 PM**
2	Last Date of Bid Subbmission	**30-03-2026 at 05-00 PM**
3	Tender Opening date	**01-04-2026 at 05-30 PM or After days**
4	Application Fee (Non-Refundable)	**As per KPPP Portal**

In case of the Date of Bid Opening happends to be holiday because of any Special Circumstances/Govt. holiday, The Next Date is considered as Date of Opening.

Sl. No	Works Details	Amount Put Tender Cost (In Rupees)	EMD (In Rupees)	Working Period
	2024-25 -15th FC Savings, 2025-26 15th FC & 2025-26 Municipal Fund			
1	**DMA/2025-26/WS/WORK_INDENT53089/Call-2(ST)**	**236094.71**	**3000.00**	**6 months**
2	**DMA/2025-26/BD/WORK_INDENT43708/Call-3 (Others)**	**5929719.00**	**1,18,600.00**	**6 months**
3	**DMA/2025-26/SE7429**	**3654835.00**	**73100.00**	**12 months**
4	**DMA/2025-26/SE7428**	**1544558.00**	**38700.00**	**12 months**

Note :- Any changes in Calendar of events will be published in http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in portal only

Sd/- Municipal Commissioner, CMC Gangavathi.

DIPR/Koppal/760/DeshpandePublicity/2025-26

बैंक ऑफ़ इंडिया Bank of India **BOI**
JAYAPURA BRANCH
Mysore Taluk, Mysore Dist. Ph. : 0821-2595721.

NOTICE U/S 13(2) OF THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002

To,
1. Mr. Kantharaju .S (Deceased), Site No. 286, Situated at University Extension, Lingabudi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore - 570023.
2. Ms. K. Manya, Represented by Mr. Harsha .S S/o. Late M. Shankarachar No. 263, 3rd Floor, Sankalpa Residency, 12th Main, 2nd Stage, Jyanabharathi Layout, Nagadevana Halli, Kengeri, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru District - 560056.
3. Mr. Suresha .M.S. (Guarantor) No. 17, Vijayanagar, 3rd Stage, B Block, Mysore - 570030.
Sir / Madam,

At the request made by you, the **Bank of India, Kuvempu Nagar** has granted to you Housing Loan facility aggregating to an amount of **Rs. 23,00,000/-** We give hereunder details of various credit facilities granted by us and the Outstanding dues thereunder as on the date of notice :-

Nature of Facility	Sanctioned Limit	Outstanding Dues
Home Loan 843275110000138	**Rs. 23,00,000.00**	**Rs. 24,22,734/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Four) (Contractual Dues upto 10-03-2026) with further interest thereon @ 10.10.% p.a. from 10-03-2026**

2. The aforesaid credit facilities granted by the Bank are secured by the following Assets / Securities (Particulars of Properties / Assets charged to Bank) :-

Descripotion Of Immovable Property :- All the pieces and parcel of Land / Residential Site Situated at No. 286, Situated at University Extension, Lingambudi Village, Kasaba Hobli, Mysore aggregate of the extent of 108 Square Meters, Registered at the Sub Registrar Office, Mysore North, Mysore. Within the limits of Mysore District in the State of Karnataka within the Jurisdication of the Sub Registrar, Mysore (North) Mysore. Owned by Mr. Kantharaju .S (Deceased) Boundaries : **East :** Site No. 263, **West :** Road, **North :** Site No. 287, **South :** Site No. 285.

3. As you have defaulted in repayment of your dues to the Bank, under the said credit facilities, we have classified your accounts as **Non-Performing Asset** with effect from **28-02-2026** in accordance with the Directions / Guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India.
4. For the reasons stated above, we hereby give you notice under Section 13(2) of the above noted Act and call upon you to discharge in full your liabilities by paying to the Bank outstanding of **Rs. 24,22,734/- (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Twenty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Four) (Contractual Dues upto 10-03-2026) with further interest thereon @ 10.10% p.a. from 10.03.2026 compounded with monthly rests** and all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank, till repayment by you within a period of 60 days from the date of this notice, failing which please note that we will entirely at your risks as to costs and consequences exercise the powers vested with the Bank under Section13 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, against the secured assets mentioned above.
5. While calling upon you to discharge your liability as above by payment of the entire dues to the Banks together with applicable interest, all costs, charges and expenses incurred by the Bank till repayment and redeem the secured assets, within the period mentioned above, please take important note that as per section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, the right of redemption of Secured assets will be available to you only till the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets.
6. The amounts realised from exercising the powers mentioned above, will firstly be applied in payments of all costs, charges and expenses which are incurred by us and / or any expenses incidental thereto, and secondly in discharge of the Bank's dues as mentioned above with contractual interest from the date of this notice till the date of actual realization and the residue of the money, if any, after the Bank's entire dues dues (including under any of your other dues to the Bank whether as borrower or guarantor) are fully recovered, shall paid by you.
7. If the said dues are not fully recovered from the proceeds realised in the course of exercise of the said powers against the secured assets, we reserve our right to proceed against you and your assets including by filing legal / recovery actions before Debts Recovery Tribunal / Courts, for recovery of the balance amount due with all costs etc. incidential thereto from you.
8. Please take note that as per Sub-Section (13) of the aforesaid Act, after receipt of this notice, you are restrained from transferring or creating any encumbrances on the aforesaid secured assets whether by way of sale, lease, license, gift, mortgage or otherwise.
9. The undersigned is a duly Authorised Officer of the Bank to issue this notice and exercise powers under section 13 of the aforesaid Act.
10. Needless to mention that this notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other right or remedy available to the Bank.

Date : 10.03.2026
Place : Jayapura

Sd/- For Bank of India, Authorised Officer

Karnataka Bank Ltd.

Your Family Bank. Across India.

Asset Recovery Management Branch,
1st Floor, FKCCI Building,
Kempegowda Road,
Bengaluru-560009

Phone : 080-22955928 (Gen)/22955929 (AGM)
E-Mail : blr.arm@ktkbank.com
Website : www.karnatakabank.com
CIN : L85110KA1924PLC001128

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

Whereas, the Authorised Officer of **KARNATAKA BANK LIMITED,** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued the Demand Notices, details of which are mentioned hereunder, calling upon the borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors/co-obligants mentioned therein to repay the total amount mentioned in the demand notice along with future interest within **60 days** from the date of receipt of the said notices.

1. Name of Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants:- (1) M/s. V P K Enterprises, Represented by its Proprietor: Mr.Saravana Sundar P K, S/o Keshavan **Addressed at :** Ground Floor,No.52, 5th Cross, Kamath Layout, Chennanayakanapalya, Doddabidarakallu, Bangalore-560073 **(2) Mr.Saravana Sundar** S/o Mr. Keshavan **(3) Mrs. Prema S** W/o Mr. Saravana Sundar P K, **No 2 and 3 are addressesd at :** Ground Floor, No.52, 5th Cross, Kamath Layout, Chennanayakanapalya, Doddabidarakallu, Bangalore-560073

Branch Name: Bengaluru–Buddha Jyothi Layout **Date of Demand Notice: 05.01.2026**

Amount Demanded: Rs.95,41,887.84 [Rupees Ninety Five Lakh Forty One Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty Seven and Paise Eighty Four Only] under PSOD A/c No 9867000600000301 along with future interest from 01.01.2026 plus cost.

Date of taking Possession: 18.03.2026

Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs.97,57,906.24 [Rupees Ninety Seven Lakh Fifty Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Six and Paise Twenty Four Only] under PSOD A/c No 9867000600000301 along with future interest from 01.03.2026 Plus Costs.

Description of the Immovable Property: All that Part and parcel of Residential Property measuring 1200 Sq ft bearing Site No.39,BBMP Khata No.39, together with building constructed thereon, situated at Sy.No.85, 4th Cross, 1st Main, Manjunatahanagar, Bagalagunte Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli , Bangalore North Taluk-560073 belonging to Mr. Saravana Sundar. **Boundaries of property as per Document: East by :** Vacant Site, **West by :** Private Property thereafter K B D Property, **North by:** Road, **South by:** Property of Venkatesh.

2. Name of Borrower/Mortgagors/Guarantors/Co-obligants:– (1) Mr.Chidambar Hariyappa Naik S/o Mr.Hariyappa Naik **(2) Mrs. Anuradha Chidambar Naik** W/o Chdambar Naik, **Both residing at :** Flat No. FF-103, 1st Floor, Sashwath Theera Apartment, Sidedahalli Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore-560090.

Branch Name: Bengaluru –Vaderahalli G P **Date of Demand Notice: 05.01.2026**

Amount Demanded: Rs.46,44,778.02 [Rupees Forty Six Lakh Forty Four Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Eight And Paisa Two Only] i.e Rs.42,64,585.35 under PSTL A/c No.8157001800000901 along with future interest from 26.12.2025 and Rs. 3,80,192.67 under TL A/c No. 8157001600004501 along with future interest from 06.12.2025 Plus Cost.

Date of taking Possession: 18.03.2026

Balance outstanding as on the date of possession: Rs.47,32,005.02 [Rupees Forty Seven Lakh Thirty Two Thousand Five And Paisa Two Only] i.e Rs.43,40,537.35 under PSTL A/c No.8157001800000901 along with future interest from 26.02.2026 and Rs. 3,91,467.67 under TL A/c No. 8157001600004501 along with future interest from 06.03.2026 Plus Cost.

Description of the Immovable Property : All that Part and parcel of residential Property bearing Flat No. FF-103, in the First Floor of the apartment known as "Sashwath Theera", having super built up area of 1087.00 Sq Ft (SBA) along with UDS of 395.00 Sq Ft and a covered car parking area , constructed on Site no.302, Khatha No. 1077, Sy.No.10/1, situated at Soundarya Layout, 1st Main Road, 15th Cross, Sidedahalli (Bagalagunte) Village, Yeswanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk-560090 belonging to Mr.Chidambar Hariyappa Naik. Boundaries of property as per Document & Actual: East by : Passage, West by : Open Area, North by: Open Area, South by: Apartment No.FF104.

The borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors/ co-obligants having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors/ co-obligants and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the properties, as described herein above, in exercise of the powers conferred on him under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on **18.03.2026.**

The borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors/ co-obligants in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the properties mentioned herein above and any dealings with the said properties will be subject to the charge of **Karnataka Bank Ltd.,** for amounts as described herein above.

[The attention of the borrowers/mortgagors/ guarantors is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.]

Place: Bengaluru
Date : 18.03.2026

Sd/- Asst. General Manager & Authorised Officer
For Karnataka Bank Ltd.,

Andhra Pradesh State FiberNet Limited (APSFL)

Proposals are invited from interested agencies for the following Request for Proposal (RfP)s
1. Selection of Agency for Supply and Installation of Batteries (under Buyback) to APSFL.
2. Selection of an AMC Service Provider for UPS Systems in APSFL Network - Set 1
3. Selection of an AMC Service Provider for UPS Systems in APSFL Network - Set 2
4. Selection of an Agency for Providing Pickup Vehicles for the Fiber Restoration Team of APSFL.

Details of the RfPs and corrigenda may be downloaded from e-procurement platform **tender.apeprocurement.gov.in**

Sd/- Manager (Procurement), APSFL
DIPR No.4925PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2021-22, Dt.18/03/2026

BENGALURU URBAN, BENGALURU RURAL & RAMANAGARA DISTRICT CO-OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCER'S SOCIETIES UNION LTD.,

(Bangalore Dairy) : Dr.M.H.Marigowda Road, D.R.College Post, Bengaluru-56002

No.: BAMUL/GM(E)/REF/02/2025-26 **Date : 18.03.2026**

Short Term Tender Notification (Through the K.P.P portal)

A short-term tender notice has been issued for the Bangalore Cooperative Milk Union to procure the following services. Eligible suppliers/contractors who wish to participate in the said tender should participate through the website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** (Tender No.KMF/2025-26/SE5053).

Name of Works: 20ft Reefer Containers for the Curd Blast Cooling System to Store Curd in Batches on Rental Basis at Bangalore Dairy (4 Nos) and Hoskote Dairy (2 Nos) for the period of 6 months. **Estimated value in Rs. : 30,60,000/-., EMD amount in Rs. : 76,500/-., (1)** Availability to receive technical tender documentation. (Access to E- Tender Portal only) : **From 18.03.2026 to 26.03.2026 upto 3.00 PM, (2)** Laste dat for tender Queries : **23.03.2026 upto 2.30 P.M., (3)** Last date & Time for Submission pf Teders : **26.03.2026 upto 3.00 P.M., (4)** Date & Time for opening of Technical Tender (Part-1) : **27.03.2026 upto 03.15 P.M., (5)** Date & Time for opening of Comercial Tender (Part-2) : Will be informed to successful Tenderer, **(6)** Place of pre-bid meeting, opening of Technical/Copmmercial Bid : Bamul, Board Romm, Dr. M.H.Marigowda Road, Bengaluru-560029.

More details on the tender are available in e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Managing Director
Tender Inviting Authority, Bamul.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general Public that, Bank of Baroda, Gunjur Branch intends to accept the Schedule 'B' Property to be purchased by **Mr.Sayyed Altaf Saheb and his wife Mrs.A.Ummae Kousar**. Both Residing at No.14, 1st Cross, Vijayanagar, Whitefield, Bangalore North, Bangalore – 560 066 as a security, for the loan / credit facility to be granted to them.

In case anyone has got any right / title / interest / claims over the Schedule 'B' property, they are advised to approach the Bank within 07 days along with necessary proof to substantiate their claim.

If No response is received within 07 days, it is presumed that, the Schedule 'B' property is free of any charge / claim / encumbrance and bank shall proceed with the mortgage.

SCHEDULE ' A' PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that Residential **property bearing No.2171, 'D' Main, 39th Cross, East End Road, Jayanagar 9th Block, Bangalo**re, Ward No.170, Jayanagar East, **within the limits of Bangalore South City Corporation**, measuring and bounded as follows:- **MEASUREMENTS:- East to West :** 40.feet. **North to South :** 30.feet. **BOUNDARIES: East :** By CITB Land and Private Property; **West :** By Road; **North :** By Property No.2172; and **South :** By Property No.2170.

Item No.2: All that **Residential Property bearing No.2172, 'D' Main, 39th Cross, East End Road, Jayanagar 9th Block, Bangalore**, Ward No.170, Jayanagar East **old PID No.64-138-01, (E-Katha No. E.P.I.D No.1442596189), within the limits of Bangalore South City Corporation**, measuring and bounded as follows:-

MEASUREMENTS:- East to West : 6.10 + 12.19/2 Meters. **North to South :** 9.14+ 11.27/2 Meters.

BOUNDARIES: East : By CITB Land and Private, Property; **West :** By Road; **North :** By Private Land; and **South :** By Property No.2171.

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : (Item No.1 and Item No.2 has been Amalgamated) : All that **Residential Property bearing No.2171/2, (Old BDA Site Nos.2171 and 2172), (E-Swathu Khatha PID.No.1442596189),** situated at **East End 'D' Main Road, 39th Cross, Jayanagar 9th Block, Bangalore, Old No.64, Ward, New No.170** within the limits of Bangalore South City Corporation, measuring and bounded as follows:-

MEASUREMENTS:- East to West : (45+40)/2 feet. **North to South :** 60 feet. **[Totally measuring 2550.Sq.ft.,]**

BOUNDARIES: East : By CITB land and Private Property; **West :** By Road; **North :** By Private Land; and **South :** By Site bearing No.2170.

Branch Details :Ms.Bidipta, Senior Manager, Bank of Baroda, Gunjur Branch, Gunjur, BANGALORE – 560 087.

Sri.M.Anantha Kumar, Advocate,
No.167, "Mahalakshmi Nivasa"1st Floor,
1st Cross, Kilari Road, Bengaluru-560053. Mob: 9972094729

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby notified that I, Sri. N.P. Raju s/o R. Narayanappa, No. 2/1, 20th cross, Sampangiramanagar, Banglaore – 560027, Mob : 9980225000 has lost 1) Original Sale deed dated 18-07-1938, registered as No. 225 /1938-39 executed by Ramaswamappa in favour of Shamachar, Ramachari and Srinivasachari 2) Original Partition deed dated 15-08-1952, registered as no. 1859 / 1952-53 entered into between Shamachar, Ramachari and Srinivasachari in respect of property no. 16 and 16/1, situated at Mallikarjuna lane, 1st cross, Avenue road, Bangalore. He has lodged Complaint in that respect before the Halasurgate Police station, Bangalore on 18-03-2026, vide Lost Report No. 2114531 and 2114555 / 2026. General public are hereby requested to handover the said lost documents if found and also it is hereby cautioned not to deal with any person in respect of the above mentioned property except with Sri. N.P. Raju.

If any personal / institution has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and Document, the said claims along with supporting document shall be filed with undersigned within 3 days from the date of publication of the notice at the address mentioned below. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.

Contact : **Sri. N.P. Raju**
S/o R.Narayanappa, No. 2/1,
20th cross, Sampangiramanagar,
Bangalore – 560027, Mob : 9980225000

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that my client **Mr.VIKRAM K S**, S/o.K.V.Shankar Naidu intends to purchase Property in Eastern Portion of the property bearing No.3 (Old No.11/2), G.S. Shivarudrappa Road, Sunkenahalli Adjacent Sites Bengaluru, presently in BBMP Limits, Ward No-155, (Earlier BDA No.358 and later No.11/2, 8th A Cross, Sunkenahalli Adjacent Sites, PID No.52-26-3 measuring East to west (16+21)/2 feet and North to South 26.6 Feet, e-Khatha No.4971399614, measuring East to west (16+21)/2 feet and North to South 26.6 Feet, In all measuring 490.3 square feet and bounded on the: East By : Property bearing BDA No.352, West By : Property bearing BDA No.351, North By : Road, South By : Private Property from **Mrs.ATHULURI VEDAVATHI,** W/o.Athuluri Vijaya Kumar. Any person/s asserting any kind of right, title, interest or claims of any sort towards the Sale transaction may file their objections or claims with documentary proof thereof with the undersigned within **(7) Seven** days from the date of this publication, failing which my clients will proceed to complete the transaction without being liable for any claims put forth thereof.

RAJAGOPALA NAIDU
Prashant N Raj, Advocates,
No.4, 'Krishnaraja' 4th Floor, 50 Feet Road,
Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru - 560 019.
Bengaluru, Date: 17/03/2026

IN THE REAL ESTATE APPELLATE TRIBUNAL AT BENGALURU
FR NO. (K-REAT) - 61/2025
NOTICE/SUMMONS TO RESPONDENT No.1

To, **GOLDEN SERENITY RESIDENTS WELFARE ASSOCIATION,** An Association registered under the Societies Registration Act, Represented by its Secretary Having its office at No. 1353, 5th Cross, Ashok Nagar, Banashankari 1st stage, Bangalore 560 050.

Whereas, the Appellant has preferred the aforementioned appeal against you and in view of the same, your presence before this Tribunal is necessary for further adjudication of these appeals. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Tribunal in person or through a pleader on your behalf on **10-04-2026** at 11:00 AM to answer the claim; and you are directed to produce on that day all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defence.

Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the appeals would be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of this Tribunal 18-03-2026

Sd/- By Order of the Tribunal, (M Mahesh Babu), Registrar The Karnataka Real Estate, Appellate Tribunal, Bengaluru.

Name & Address of the Counsel for Appellant: Advocate, **PRATIBHA S HIREMATH**
Office at: 469, Hiremath Advocates,
1st E Cross Road, Shakthi Ganapathi Nagar,
Basaveshwar Nagar, Bengaluru.
Karnataka - 560079

PUBLIC NOTICE

Please be advised that my client has entered into a Sale Agreement with **Mr. Vivek Kundra and Mr. Tarun Kundra** for the purchase of House No. 32, BBMP New PID No. 151-W0247-13 (Old PID No. 68-7-32), situated at 4th B Block, Koramangala, Bangalore-560034, measuring 1800 sq. ft.The general public is hereby warned against any dealings or transactions with the owners regarding this property. Any such transactions shall not be binding upon my client and are subject to my client's prior rights under the aforementioned agreement. Any person having a claim against this property whether by sale, inheritance, mortgage, or otherwise is required to notify the undersigned in writing with supporting documentary evidence within 15 days of this notice. Failure to do so will result in any such claims being deemed waived or abandoned and not binding upon my client.

TAHURA ANZAR, Advocate,
281, 17th F Main, 3rd Cross KHB Colony,
Koramangala 5th Block,Bengaluru- 560 095
Mob: +91- 8095371495

DOCUMENT LOST

I,**Sri.sayed Shaffiulla ,** No 20/2, 11th Main, 12th Cross, Old Guddadahalli, Mysore Road, Bengaluru. I Have lost the Documents/Article: **1) Sale deed,** Document no./ **Documents NO.7212/1962-63,** sub registrar Bengaluru north Talik **2)Sale deed,** Document no./ **documents NO.1872/1996-97**sub registrar Srirampuram,Bengaluru. The Documents holds Immense Significance as proof of Ownership. The Documents is been missing at **Indian Bank on mysore road** from **18.12.2017 6.00 P.M. to 18.12.2017 8.00 P.M.** and inspite of best efforts to search, it could not be traced. If found contact: **9845097155** or please inform nearby Police Station. Reference Lost Report **No.194970/2017 Date: 19.12.2017**

UJVN LTD.

H.O.: 'UJJWAL', Maharani Bagh, G.M.S. Road, Dehradun-248006
Telephone: 0135 - 2763808, Fax 0135-2763508
CIN No. : U40101UR2001SGC025866, Website : www.ujvnl.com

Letter No 229 **Corrigendum No.09 (Time Extension)** Dated 18.03.2026
e-Tender No. 01/DGM (E&M D-II)/UJVNL/2025-26

Due to unavoidable reasons, the dates of e-Tender No. 01/DGM(E&M D-II)/UJVNL/2025-26 invited by office of the Dy. General Manager, E&M Design-II, UJVN Ltd., Ganga Bhawan, Yamuna Colony, Dehradun (Uttarakhand) are hereby extended as follows:

Last date for submission of bid on e-portal : 23.03.2026 up to 17:00 Hrs.
Last date for submission of Original document (Hard copies) :27.03.2026 up to 17:00 Hrs.
Date & Time of opening of Technical bid on e-portal : 30.03.2026 from 11:00 Hrs.
Other terms & condition shall remain same. Details of subsequent addendum/corrigendum/cancellation etc. may be obtained from e-procurement portal "**http://uktenders.gov.in**".

Dy. General Manager (E&M Design-II)

"Avoid Wasteful use of Electricity"

Government of Karnataka
Office of the Executive Engineer, Public Works Department Division, Haveri

This office letter No.033/PB/Tnd/2025-26/4059-SCP-TSP-3054-2059/5649/ Dated : 17-03-2026

E-Tender Notification

On 17-03-2026 through Karnataka Public Procurement Portaltender notification has been issued for the following Work Indent No. 34330, 34324, 34314, 34313, 34840, 34485, 34490, 34361, 34853, 33686, 34001, 34804, 34805, SL No.14, 34315, 34909, 34501, 34358, 34577, 34587, 34404, 34002, 34807, 34000 and 34475, Last date for submission of tender receipt is assigned on Dated : **25-03-2026** (upto 4:00 PM). For further additional information, any changes & queries visit https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in.

Sd/- (N.N.Patil)
Executive Engineer, PWD Division, Haveri
DIPR/Haveri/KSMCA/821/2025-26

STATE BANK OF INDIA

HOME LOAN CENTRE
1st Floor, Opposite Sardarbaug Circuit house, Rajkot, Gujarat- 360001. Ph : +91-0281-2224808, +91-0281-2224811
Email- sbi.60923@sbi.co.in

POSSESSION NOTICE APPENDIX-IV [Rule 8(1)] (For Immovable Property)

Whereas: The undersigned being the authorized officer of **State Bank of India,** under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13 (12) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a demand notice dated **06.12.2025,** (Calling upon the borrowers) **Ms. Khushboo Arun** to repay the amount mentioned in the demand notice issued under section 13(2) being of **Rs. 1,75,73,951.00** (Rupees One Crore Seventy Five Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty One Only) as on 06.12.2025 plus accrued interest and costs etc. within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to them and the public in general that the undersigned has taken Symbolic Possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under section 13 (4) of the said act read with rule 8 of the said rules on this **18.03.2026.**

The borrower/guarantor in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **State Bank of India,** for net **Rs. 1,75,73,951.00** (Rupees One Crore Seventy Five Lakh Seventy Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty One Only) as on 06.12.2025 together with further interest thereon till the date of payment and incidental expenses, costs, charges etc.

The borrower's/co-borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of sub - section (8) of section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property : Residential Flat in the name of Ms. Khushboo Arun situated at Flat No. 2703, 27th Floor , B - Wing, Hill Crest, House of Hiranandani Bannerghatta, Begur Hobli, Akshaya Nagar, S No 323/4(P), 323/5(P), 327, 328/4(P), 328/3/(P), Ward No. 191 Begur, Vill.-Begur, Bangalore South Taluk , Dist - Bangalore having super built up area of 1900 Sq ft (Carpet area 1520 Sq ft.) with right to use one car parking in the basement and **flat is bounded as under : North :** Door Entrance, **South :** Open to Sky, **East :** Open to Sky, **West :** Flat No. 2704.

Date : 18.03.2026 **Sd/- Authorised Officer**
Place : Bangalore **STATE BANK OF INDIA**

JANA SMALL FINANCE BANK

(A Scheduled Commercial Bank)

Registered Office: The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No.10/1, 11/2 & 12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.

DEMAND NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13(2) OF SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

Whereas you the below mentioned Borrower's, Co-Borrower's, Guarantor's and Mortgagors have availed loans from **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited,** by mortgaging your immovable properties. Consequent to default committed by you all, your loan account has been classified as **Non-performing Asset,** whereas **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** being a secured creditor under the Act, and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(2) of the said Act read with rule 2 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued **Demand notice** calling upon the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors as mentioned in column No.2 to repay the amount mentioned in the notices with future interest thereon within **60 days** from the date of notice, but the notices could not be served on some of them for various reasons.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ Mortgagor	Loan Account No. & Loan Amount	Details of the Security to be enforced	Date of NPA & Demand Notice date	Amount Due in Rs. / as on
1	1) Mrs. Lakshmamma, W/o. Anjinappa Hanumanthappa, 2) Mr. Anjinappa Hanumanthappa, S/o. Hanumantharayappa	Loan Account No. 31879630000785 31879410001127 Loan Amount: Rs.10,00,000/- Rs.5,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that piece and parcel for property bearing Site No.119, Khaneshumari Old No.34 and New No.148 Measuring East to West 19 ft. and North to South 18 ft., totally 342 Sq.ft., situated at Abbigere Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, presently within the limits of BBMP and **Bounded on the: East by:** Sandu and House belongs to Munanjappa, **West by:** House belongs to Dalappa, **North by:** Road, South by: House belongs to Venkatamma.	Date of NPA: 03-03-2026 Demand Notice Date: 16.03.2026	Rs.13,94,051.65 (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Ninety Four Thousand Fifty One and Sixty Five Paisa Only) due as on 12-03-2026 and interest thereon
2	1) Mrs. Anju, D/o. Byrappa, 2) Mrs.Gowramma, W/o. Byrappa, 3) Mr. Byrappa, S/o. Venkatappa	Loan Account No. 47059410000111 47059410000699 47059630000427 Loan Amount: Rs.2,03,000/- Rs.1,23,000/- Rs.4,00,000/-	**Mortgaged Immovable Property:** All that Piece and parcel of the for Property E-Khatha No.152900204300600238, Khaneshumari No.255/15/201/184, measuring East to West 4.57 meters and North to South 8.53 meters, situated at Jakkasandra Village, Chiluru Gram Panchayath, Kanakapura Block, Ramanagara District and **Bounded on: East by:** Property belongs to Jaggaiah @ Thimmaiah, **West by:** House belongs to Doddamma, **North by:** Road, **South by:** House belongs to Srinivasa.	Date of NPA: 03-03-2026 Demand Notice Date: 12.03.2026	Rs.5,30,954.11 (Rupees Five Lakh Thirty Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Four and Eleven Paisa Only) due as on 10-03-2026 and interest thereon

Notice is therefore given to the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor & Mortgagor as mentioned in Column No.2, calling upon them to make payment of the aggregate amount as shown in column No.6, against all the respective Borrower/ Co-Borrower within **60 days** of Publication of this notice as the said amount is found payable in relation to the respective loan account as on the date shown in Column No. 6. It is made clear that if the aggregate amount together with future interest and other amounts which may become payable till the date of payment, is not paid, **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** shall be constrained to take appropriate action for enforcement of security interest upon properties as described in Column No.4. Please note that this publication is made without prejudice to such rights and remedies as are available to **Jana Small Finance Bank Limited** against the Borrower's/ Co-Borrower's/ Guarantor's/ Mortgagors of the said financials under the law, you are further requested to note that as per section 13(13) of the said act, you are restrained/ prohibited from disposing of or dealing with the above security or transferring by way of sale, lease or otherwise of the secured asset without prior consent of Secured Creditor.

Date: 19.03.2026, Place: Bangalore & Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorised Officer, For Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owner **SRI.NIRMAL JAIN** S/o late Premraj Jain, residing at: No.11, Jolly Apartment, N.S.Iyengar Street, Seshadripuram, Bengaluru – 560020.

Apart from the said owner, if any other person/s have any manner of claim or interest or demand over the Schedule property or any part thereof by way of sale, lease, mortgage, gift, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, pre-emption or otherwise howsoever, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s (along with the photocopies of the documents on which they are relying), with the undersigned within **10 days** from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the vacant residential property bearing Municipal No.30/29, PID No.46-24-30/29, E.PID No.5735678600, admeasuring 13,637 Sq.ft, situated at Devanathachar Street, Chamarajapet, Bengaluru and bounded on:

East by : 15ft Passage
West by : Road/Government land and Private property
North by : Road
South by : Road

Sd/- S.F. GOUTAM CHAND, Advocate,
GOUTAM ASSOCIATES,
No.60, 2nd Floor, Old Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560004.

Karnataka Bank Ltd.

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Asset Recovery Management Branch,
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E-Mail: tum.arm@ktkbank.in
Website: www.karnatakabank.com
CIN: L85110KA1924PLC001128

E-AUCTION
NOTICE OF SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES ON 09.04.2026

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) / Rule 9 (1) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s), Guarantor(s), Mortgagor(s) & Co-obligant(s) that the below described immovable property/ies mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **Constructive Possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", "Whatever there is" on 09.04.2026** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to the **Karnataka Bank Ltd.**

The details are as under: Reserve Price and Earnest Money Deposits details are as under & the Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **08.04.2026 at 4.00 pm** through online payment to the Account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD favouring **Karnataka Bank Ltd.,**

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower/s/Mortgagor/s/ Guarantor/s/ Co-Obligant/s Loan Account No.	Balance O/S Rs. Future Interest From + Penal Charges + Costs	Possession Date Possession Type	Description of the Property	Reserve Price (Rs.)	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) Rs.	Auction Time	Incremental Value of the Bid	Branch Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/ IFSC Code
1	(1) Mr.Srinivas S/o Mr. Puttamaraiah (2) Mr.Rekha V W/o Mr.Srinivas (3) Mr.Kiran Kumar S S/o Mr.Srinivas, **All are residing at :** No.166,M.G Road,Near K N S Circle, Kanakapura, Ramanagara - 562117 **Loan A/c No.: TL A/c No. 4407001600017201**	Rs.1,60,74,048.80 [One Crore Sixty Lakh Seventy Four Thousand Forty Eight and Paisa Eighty Only] & Future Interest from 15.03.2026 plus penal Charges and costs.	24.02.2025 & Constructive	**(1) Khata No.665/B/870B/666/D/871/864/D,Property No.12-2-105B, measuring 820 Sq.ft. (2) Khata No.665/870/666A/871/864/A, Property No.12-02-103,measuring 494.82 Sq.ft (3) Khata No.665A/870/A/666A/871/864/A, Property No.12-2-103A,measuring 667 Sq.ft (4) Khata No.665/870/666A/871/864/A2, Property No.12-2-103A2,measuring 194.54 Sq.ft (5)Khata No.666C/871/864C, Property No.12-2-105D, measuring 693.75 Sq.ft (6) Khata No.666/871/864/665C/870C, Property No.12-2-105D1,measuring 269 Sq.ft (7) Khata No.666/871/864/665C/870C, Property No.12-2-105A,measuring 856 Sq.ft (8) Khata No.665/870/666A/864/A1, Property No.12-2-103A1,measuring 319.64 Sq.ft (9) Khata No.666B/871/864/B, Property No.12-2-105C, measuring 924 Sq.ft,** Now all the sites are amalgamated into single site, bearing the No.12-2-103,SAS No.665/870/666A/871/864/A, measuring 668.03853110 Sq.mtr situated at MG Road East Side (NH209) Near KNS Circle, Ward No.24, Kanakapura belonging to **Mr.Srinivasa. Boundaries of property as per Documents: East by :** D. Kantha & C K Shivanna's Road, **West by :** M G Road and Property of Gopalakrishna and others, **North by :** Property of Divakar, **South by :** Property of R. Krishnamurthy and Others.	Rs. 3,00,25,000/- (Rupees Three Crore Twenty Five Thousand only)	Rs. 30,02,500/- (Rupees Thirty Lakh Two Thousand Five Hundred Only)	11.30 A M to 12.15 P M	Rs. 1,00,000/-	Karnataka Bank Ltd Kanakapura Branch A/c No: 4403500200004101 IFSC: KARB0000440

(The borrower's/mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule 8 / Sub Rule (1) of Rule 9 of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower/s/Mortgagor/s/Guarantor/s/ Co-Obligant/s)

For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in Karnataka Bank's Website i.e. https://karnatakabank.com.

The E-auction will be conducted through portal https://www.auctionbazaar.com/ on **09.04.2026 at above mentioned time** with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **https://www.auctionbazaar.com/** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction (tentatively on **08.04.2026**) from **M/s ARCA EMART PVT LTD**(Known by their **website: www.auctionbazaar.com**) **Contact No. : 8885035382**, E-mail : **contact@auctionbazaar.com and disposal.karnataka@auctionbazaar.com.**

Date : 17.03.2026
Place: Tumakuru

Sd/- Chief Manager & Authorised Officer,
Karnataka Bank Ltd.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)

ARM BRANCH – II
2nd Floor, Circle Office, Spencers Towers,
No.86, M G Road, Bengaluru
Telefax: 080-25310181, E-Mail: cb6298@canarabank.com

SYMBOLIC POSSESSION NOTICE 13(4)

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the **Canara Bank** under Securitization And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **01.01.2026** calling upon the Borrower/s **(1) M/s S R Industries,** Rep.by it's prop. Mr. Uttamchand Jain, S/o Moolchand Jain, No. 16/A Kumbalagodu industrial area, gera palaya 2nd phase, big banyan tree road Bangalore, Karnataka 560074, **(2) Mr. Uttamchand Jain,** S/o Mool Chand Jain, 43/1, Cottonpet Cross, SM Lane, Bengaluru 560003, **(3) Mrs. Manjudevi (Guarantor),** W/o Uttamchand Jain, 43/1, Cotton pet Cross, SM Lane, Bengaluru 560003, **(4) M/s MM Plastic Udyog (Corporate Guarantee),** Rep.by it's prop Mr. Uttamchand Jain, No. 16/A Kumbalagodu industrial area, Gera palaya 2nd phase, big banyan tree road, Bangalore, Karnataka 560074, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 8,98,89,595.47 (Rupees Eight Crores Ninety-Eight Lakhs Eighty-Nine Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Five and Forty-Seven Paisa Only)** within 60 days of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **17th March of 2026.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs. 9,28,24,915.50/- (Rupees Nine Crores Twenty-Eight Lakhs Twenty-Four Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen and Five Paisa Only)** as on **16.03.2026** and interest thereon. The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

(1) All that piece and parcel of the immovable residential apartment bearing property no.43/1-2, PID No. 29-95-43/1-2 situated at Shetty Mudanna Lane, Cotton pet Cross, BBMP Ward no.29(Cotton pet Ward), Bengaluru, entire area of second floor measuring about 1309 Sq ft along with 461-25 sq ft of undivided share in the land and bounded as follows: East: Property of Mr. Venkatachalaiah, West: Property of Mr. Adaviyappa, South: Property of Mr.Kapoorchand and others, North: Reddy Butchanna Lane. **Owner name: Mr. Uttamchand Jain.**

(2) All that piece and parcel of the immovable property known as Plot No.16A of Kumbalagodu II Phase Industrial area, Kumbalagodu Village Panchayat Khatha No. 121, Property No. 177/16A, situated in Sy nos.95 of Kumbalagodu Village, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru district, total site measuring 6902 Sqft with a building constructed thereon, and bounded as follows: East: Plot No. 15/B, West: Plot No.16/B, North: Road & a portion of Industrial land sold by in the name of Smt. Shanthy Murthy and Sri. M R Rangavittal Rao in same property No. 16A, South: Plot No. 14/B. **Owner name: M/s MM Plastic Udyog, represented by it's proprietor Mr. Uttamchand Jain.**

Date : 17.03.2026 **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore **Canara Bank**

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE LXXXIX ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, BENGALURU (CCH-90)

Execution Petition No. 546/2025

In

Com. O.S. No. 58/2022

BETWEEN : SMARTWORKS COWORKING SPACES PRIVATE LIMITED Having its registered office at: Unit No. 305, Plot No.9, 10 & 11, Vardhman Trade Centre, Nehru Place, South Delhi-110 019, India.

Also at: Olympia National Towers, Block-3, A3 & A4, North Phase, Chennai-600032.

...DECREE HOLDER

AND : FUNFINITY LEARNING SOLUTIONS PRIVATE LIMITED, Having registered office at: No.17 & 18, Jalaram Industrial Estate, Bannerghatta Road, Near Arekere Gate, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560076.

...JUDGEMENT DEBTOR

SUMMONS TO THE DEFENDANT UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20 (1-A) OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908

WHEREAS, the Decree Holder has filed the instant execution case against the Judgement Debtor seeking to execute the Decree and Judgement passed in Com. O.S. No. 58/2022 directing the Judgement Debtor to pay a sum of Rs. 32,60,669/- (Rupees Thirty Two Lakhs Sixty Thousand Six Hundred and Sixty Nine Only) along with interest at 24% p.a. on Decree Against whom to be executed Rs. 19,04,970/- (Rupees Nineteen Lakhs Four Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy only) from 30.06.2021 till the date of realization of entire decretal sum. (Total Amount Rs. 53,32,869/-).

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble court either in person or through a pleader **on 02.04.2026 at 11 am** and to make such submission as you may so desire in your defence, failing which this Hon'ble court will be constrained to dispose off the suit exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Court this the 17.3.2026.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, Commercial Court Unit, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

ATV LEGAL
Trade Centre, Sugama Travels,
Race Course, Bengaluru - 50 001.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform to the General Public that, my client Mr. Rajashekar. B., Son of Sri. B.S. Bheemaiah Setty, Aged about 57 years, Residing at No.14, Sree Guru Sanjeevini, 15th Cross, 17th Main, J.P. Nagar 2nd Phase, J.P. Nagar, Bangalore-560078, has lost the following Original Sale deeds:-

(I). **Original Registered Sale deed dated 12-03-1993 executed by Bangalore Development Authority, represented by its Deputy Secretary, in favour of Mrs.Savithramma and the document is registered as No.2587/93-94 of Book-I in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore.**

(ii). **Original Registered Sale deed dated 30-06-1993 executed by Mrs.Savithramma in favour of Mr.B.S.Bheemaiah Setty and the document is registered as No.2588/93-94 at Pages 211 to 216 in Volume No.746 of Book-I in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Kengeri, Bangalore.**

It is in respect of the property bearing site No.14 in the layout formed by Bangalore Development Authority, situated at 17th Main Road, J.P.Nagar 2nd Phase (Sarakki 2nd Phase), Ward No.57, Bangalore, measuring East to West 10.52 Meters and North to South 9.14 Meters.

It was lost on 13-02-2026. He has lodged a Police complaint on **18-03-2026** with Bengaluru City Police, in that behalf and filed an Affidavit on **18-03-2026 also.** The General Public are hereby informed that if any person holding/trace out the above said Original documents, may inform to the undersigned within **15 days** from the date of this notice.

If any person/s or any bank or any financial institution having any charge, lien, right, title or interest over the above said property should inform to the undersigned with the relevant documentary evidence in person within **15 days** from the date of publication of this notice failing which the title of the above said property will be presumed to be clear and marketable and my client will go further in respect of the said property.

Sd/- **[Gopalkrishna. R. Hegde] Advocate**
No. 231, S.C. Road, Bengaluru-560009.
Bangalore. Date : 18-03-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

We are investigating the title of the following individuals:

1. Mr. M. C. Vijayakumar S/o Mr. Rangarajan aged about 67 years residing at No 77/A1, 2nd main road, Sanjaynagar Bangalore 560094, Karnataka, the absolute owner having all the right, title and interest in Residential Property bearing Municipal No. 30 (Ground Floor) situated at 9th Cross, 12th Block, Kumara Park West Extension, Bangalore-20 with Khatha No. NE/DA44/KTR11/1977-1978 with new EPID No. 3626547788 measuring 8 squares built up area on 2400 sq ft site (hereinafter wherever the context so requires is referred to as 'Schedule Property').

The Schedule Property was originally part of residential Site No. 3, Khatha No. 26, 9th Cross, Block XII in Kumarapark West Extension, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 60 Feet totally measuring 2400 Sq Feet. Thereafter,

a. Schedule Property was purchased by Mr. M. C. Ramaswamy S/o Late Mr. M. C. Thirunarayana Iyengar from Mrs. S. Sundara W/o Mr. V. S. Mani and Mr. V. S. Mani S/o Late Mr. M. Venkatarama Iyer vide Sale Deed dated 28.02.1977 registered as document No. 2464 / 1976 -1977 at of Book I Volume No. 2615 at pages 46 to 51 at the Office of the Sub-Registrar Gandhinagar. Thereafter, under a Will executed by Mr. M. C. Ramaswamy S/o Late Mr. M. C. T. Iyengar dated 23.01.1998, the Schedule B Property was bequeathed to Mr. M. C. Vijayakumar S/o Mr. Rangarajan.

Any person/s, firms, societies, institutions, entity (corporate or otherwise) claiming to have any right, title, interest, benefit, claim or demand in, or to, the Schedule A and B Property and/or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, gift, lease, tenancy, license, assignment, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, family arrangement/ settlement, encumbrance, inheritance, bequest, easement, possession, maintenance, development rights, order / decree / judgment of any Court, agreement, understanding or otherwise howsoever, to the Schedule Property, is required to intimate the same, together with true copies of all documentary evidence / proof in support thereof, to the undersigned, at the address given below, within **10 (ten) days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, our Certificate of Title will be issued without any reference to any such claim and claims, if any, received post the expiry of the aforesaid time frame shall be considered as waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Municipal No. 30 (Ground Floor), on site No.3, situated at 9th Cross, 12th Block, Kumara Park West Extension, Bangalore – 20 with Khatha No. NE/DA44/KTR11/1977-1978 with new EPID No. 3626547788 measuring 8 squares built up on 2400 sq ft and bounded as follows:

East by : Property bearing Municipal No. 28.
West by : Property bearing Municipal No. 31
North by : Property bearing Municipal No. 01.
South by: 9th Cross, K. P. West Extn, Bangalore - 20.

Mr. Mrinal Javaji, Advocate
Javaji Legal,
No. 3 and 8, 9th Main, Judicial Layout,
Allalasandra Bangalore – 560065,
Phone: +91 7760194609
Dated: 18.03.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

We are investigating the title of the following individuals:

1. Dr. M. C. Shanta D/o Late Mr. M. C. Srinivasan aged about 92 years residing at No 77/A1, 2nd main road, Sanjaynagar, Bangalore 560094, Karnataka, the absolute owner having all the right, title and interest in Residential Property bearing Municipal No. 29 (1st & 2nd Floor) with new EPID No. 2027629431, situated at 9th Cross, 12th Block, Kumara Park West Extension, Bangalore- 20 measuring 16 squares on 2400 sq ft site (hereinafter wherever the context so requires is referred to as 'Schedule Property').

The Schedule Property was originally part of residential Site No. 3, Khatha No. 26,/1, 9th Cross, Block XII in Kumarapark West Extension, measuring East to West 40 Feet and North to South 60 Feet totally measuring 2400 Sq Feet. Thereafter,

a. Schedule Property was purchased by Dr. M. C. Shanta D/o Late Mr. M. C. Srinivasan from Mrs. Shashikala Subramanian W/o Mr. P. R. Subramanian and Mr. P. R. Subramanian S/o Mr. P. N. Raman vide Sale Deed dated 28.02.1977 registered as document No. 2465 / 1976 – 1977 of Book I Volume 2611 at page 199 to 203 at the Office of the Sub-Registar Gandhinagar.

Any person/s, firms, societies, institutions, entity (corporate or otherwise) claiming to have any right, title, interest, benefit, claim or demand in, or to, the Schedule A and B Property and/or any part thereof, by way of sale, exchange, gift, lease, tenancy, license, assignment, mortgage, charge, lien, trust, family arrangement/ settlement, encumbrance, inheritance, bequest, easement, possession, maintenance, development rights, order / decree / judgment of any Court, agreement, understanding or otherwise howsoever, to the Schedule Property, is required to intimate the same, together with true copies of all documentary evidence / proof in support thereof, to the undersigned, at the address given below, within **10 (ten) days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, our Certificate of Title will be issued without any reference to any such claim and claims, if any, received post the expiry of the aforesaid timeframe shall be considered as waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing Municipal No. 29 (1 Floor), on site No.3, with new EPID No. 2027629431, situated at 9th Cross, 12th Block, Kumara Park West Extension, Bangalore- 20 measuring 16 squares on 2400 sq ft site and bounded as follows:

East by : Property bearing Municipal No. 28.
West by : Property bearing Municipal No. 31
North by : Property bearing Municipal No. 01.
South by: 9th Cross, K. P. West Extn, Bangalore - 20.

Mr. Mrinal Javaji, Advocate
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Dated: 18.03.2026

SOUTHERN POWER DISTRIBUTION COMPANY OF A.P. LIMITED

Corporate office: H.No.19-13-65/A, Srinivasapuram, Tiruchanoor Road, Tirupati-517503

Tender Notice

Participation of eligible bidders for e-auction for disposal of various scrap material through "Konugolu" portal. For further details: **www.konugolu.ap.gov.in**

CHIEF GENERAL MANAGER/P&MM & CIVIL

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No: LC610/EEE/PRO/Klb/AEE(O)/AEE-1/25-26/2813-14 Date: 05.03.2026

NOTIFICATION

KPTCL has formulated a scheme under Section 67 (2)(C) of the Electricity Supply Act 2003 and the scheme is herewith published in pursuance of Section 67 (2) of the said act, this notification is issued for information of the license holders and any other concerned persons, Particulars of the schemes are as here under.

I) Name of the Work: (1) Establishing the 2x20MVA, 110/11KV sub-station at **Kollur Village** in Chincholi Taluk, Kalaburagi Dist. **(2)** Construction of 110KV LILO line using lynx conductor from existing 110KV Chincholi-Mann-E-khelli SC line to proposed 110/11KV S/S at Kollur Village for a distance of 9.723kms in Chincholi Taluk, Kalaburagi Dist., on PTK basis.

II) Salient Features: (1) To Maintain reliable and uninterrupted power supply to Kollur, Ainolli, Salebeeranhalli, Degalmadi Chandrampalli, Empalli & surrounding areas. **(2)** To improve the tail end voltage and quality reliability of power supply to the Kollur village and surrounding areas. **(3)** To improve voltage profile in the proposed sub-station area.

III) Approximate cost: Rs.2482.49 Lakhs.

IV) Area and Survey no's Passing through in Chincholi Taluk, Kalaburagi Dist.

1) Hobli: Ainapur, Village: Garampalli **Sy no's:** 106, 105, 104

2) Hobli: Chincholi, Village: Gowdanhalli **Sy. no's:** 4, 5, 6, 7, 29, 30. Degalmadi **Sy. no's:** 214, 218, 217, 220, 221, 18, 222,17, 16, 15, 11, 12,27, 28, 37, 36, 34, 85, 86, 76, 92, 93, 105, 104, 119, 124, 121. Kollur **Sy.no's:** 228, 227, 223, 229, 215, 217, 208, 207, 205, 198, 199, 200, 182, 183, 181, 180, 179, 185, 146, 148, 149, 152.

KPTCL, shall have and exercise all powers which the Telegraphs Authorities possess under part (III) of Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, (13 of 1885) for implementation of the above said scheme. Any objections regarding the above scheme shall be sent to the Executive Engineer (Ele), Projects Division, KPTCL, Kalaburgi-3 within 15 days from the date of publication of this notification for KPTCL's pursuance.

Sd/- **Executive Engineer (Elecl.), Projects Division, KPTCL, Prasarana Bhavan, Sedam Road, Kalaburagi.**

Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited

(A Joint Venture of GoI & GoK)
e-Mail: contactus@bmrc.co.in Website: www.bmrc.co.in
No. SG2-R6-UG Date: 19.03.2026

TENDER NOTIFICATION

BMRCL invites sealed Tenders through Local Competitive Bidding (LCB) from suitably qualified, eligible, reputed and experienced Tenderers for **"DESIGN, FABRICATION, SUPPLY & INSTALLATION OF SIGNAGE & GRAPHICS FOR TWELVE (12) UNDERGROUND METRO STATIONS OF REACH-6 UNDER PHASE-II"** under Single stage, Two envelope system. Cost of Tender documents: Rs.11,800 [Rs.10,000+Rs.1,800 (GST @ 18%)]. Online Sale of Documents: **From 19.03.2026 at 11.00 Hours (IST) to 08.04.2026 at 11.00 Hrs. (IST).** Submission of Tenders: **From 03.04.2026 at 11.00 Hrs. (IST) to 08.04.2026 at 11.00 Hrs. (IST).** Opening of Tenders: **09.04.2026 at 11.00 Hrs (IST).** For further details, please visit CPP Portal **(https://etenders.gov.in/eprocure/app)** from **19.03.2026.**

Sd/- Executive Director (Traction)

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that my client **Sri.Prathik.V**, C/o B.Shankar, aged about 19 years, Residing at No.328, 2nd Block, Near Sri Convention Hall, Banashankari 6th Stage, Bangalore-560098 owned by my client in respect of schedule property as mentioned as below:

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.2, formed in Sy.Nos.42/1, 42/2, 42/5, 42/7 and 42/9, duly converted for non-agricultural residential purpose and vide order bearing No.ALN(SU)SR/43/2005-06 issued by Special Deputy Commissioner Bangalore District, Now comes under the limits of BBMP ward No.160, Khata No.814/42/1/44/2/9, Situated at Hosakerehalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, measuring East to West 40 feet and North to South 30 feet totally measuring 1200 Sq.feet and bounded on:

East : Private Property West : 30 feet Road
North : Site No.1 South : Site No.3

My client has lost the original document on 12.03.2026 as mentioned as below:

1. Sale deed executed by Smt.B.K.Parimala in Favor of Smt.Vani.M.S and Registered as Doc.No.BSK-1-11575-2018-19, stored in Cd.No.BSKD462 Registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Banashankari

If any of the general public has found the said documents shall be handed over the same within 7 days from the date of publication to the below mentioned address.

G.N.VISHWANATH,
Advocates and legal Consultants,
No.36, MKS Arcade, office No.1, Ground Floor,
Ganganagar, Bangalore -560 032.
Mob: 9901914663

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಇಲಾಖೆ,
ಸಹಾಯಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಸಹಾಯಕರು, ಕೊಪ್ಪ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕೊಪ್ಪ
ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: koppaacf@gmail.com

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:ಸ.ಅ.ಸಂ:ಕೊಪ್ಪ:ಟೆಂಡರ್:18/2025–26 ದಿನಾಂಕ:13–03–2026

: ಸಂಕ್ಷಿಪ್ತ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ :

2026–27ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಪ್ಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ವಿಭಾಗದ, ಚಿಕ್ಕಗ್ರಹಾರ ವಲಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ ಬೆಳ್ಳಂಗಿಯಿಂದ ಕೊಳ್ಳೇಹಳ್ಳ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿ ವನ್ಯಪ್ರಾಣಿಗಳ ಹಾವಳಿಯನ್ನು ನಿಯಂತ್ರಿಸುವ ಸಂಬಂಧ 2.230 ಕಿ.ಮೀ ರೈಲ್ ಬ್ಯಾರಿಕೇಡ್ ನಿರ್ಮಿಸುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಬಾಬ್ತು ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18–04–2026 ರಂದು ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗೆ ನಿಗದಿಪಡಿಸಿರುವ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ 3,19,98,291/– (ಜಿ.ಎಸ್.ಟಿ ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ) ಆಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಈ ಕಛೇರಿಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 13–03–2026ರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ಷರತ್ತುಗಳಿಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಯನ್ನು **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಸಹಾಯಕ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಹಾಗೂ
ಉಪ ಅರಣ್ಯ ಸಂರಕ್ಷಣಾಧಿಕಾರಿಯವರ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಸಹಾಯಕರು,
ಕೊಪ್ಪ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಕೊಪ್ಪ

कार्यालय अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता, सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग - अजमेर

क्रमांक- अमुअ /अज / तक / एफ - 2 (30ए) निविदा / डी-3884 दिनांक:- 10.03.2026
NIB No.:- PWD2526A6076

अल्पकालीन निविदा सूचना संख्या - 28 / पीएमजीएसवाई - चतुर्थ, बैच - प्रथम / 2025-26

राजस्थान के राज्यपाल महोदय की ओर से प्रधानमन्त्री ग्राम सड़क योजना - चतुर्थ (बेच - प्रथम) वर्ष 2025-26 के अन्तर्गत सड़क कार्य मय पांच साल की मरम्मत के 01 पैकेज के लिए के लिए उपयुक्त श्रेणी में सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, राजस्थान में पंजीकृत अथवा राज्य सरकार के अन्य विभागों / केन्द्र सरकार के अधीकृत संगठनों / केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग / डाक एवम् दूर संचार विभाग / रेल्वे इत्यादि में पंजीकृत एए श्रेणी के संवेदकों से निर्धारित प्रपत्र में ई-प्रोक्यूरमेंट प्रक्रिया के माध्यम से ऑन लाईन निविदा प्राप्त की जावेगी । ई - निविदा से संबंधित विवरण वेबसाईट http://dipr.rajasthan.gov.in व http://pwd.rajasthan.gov.in व http://pmgsytendersraj.gov.in पर देखा जा सकता है।

निविदा की कुल लागत	रू. 398.23 लाख
ऑन लाईन निविदा फार्म मिलने की तारीख	11 मार्च, 2026 प्रातः 9:30 बजे से 27 मार्च, 2026, अपरान्ह 12:00 बजे तक
ऑन लाईन निविदा फार्म जमा कराने की तारीख	27 मार्च, 2026, अपरान्ह 12:00 बजे तक
ऑन लाईन निविदा खोलने की तारीख :	27 मार्च, 2026, सांय 3:00 बजे

इच्छुक संवेदकों को अपने डिजिटल हस्ताक्षर के माध्यम से वेब साईट http://pmgsytendersraj.gov.in पर रजिस्टर्ड होना आवश्यक है।

UBN No.:- PWD2526WS0B25315

अतिरिक्त मुख्य अभियन्ता,
सार्वजनिक निर्माण विभाग, संभाग -अजमेर

DIPR/C/5290/2026

LIC HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED

1st Floor, Jeevan Managal Building, Hayes Road, Bangalore -560025. Ph.: 080-43003651

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE ISSUED UNDER SEC 13 (2) OF "THE SECURITIZATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

The following persons whose names are mentioned in Col No.2, The details of properties mortgaged are shown in Col No.5. The borrower has defaulted in repaying the amounts due by them as shown in Col. No.4, in spite of repeated remainders, consequently these dues have been classified as NPA's as per RBI's guidelines. Notices were sent by Regd. Post to below mention date and that is returned / undelivered. Therefore, the respective borrowers are hereby called upon to repay the outstanding amounts due mentioned against their names in Col No.2 within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which LIC Housing Finance Ltd., would be constrained to initiate proceedings under sec.13 (4) of SARFAESI Act against the mortgaged properties mentioned hereunder against the respective loan A/cs to realize the amounts due to them.

The borrower attention is also invited as per Section 13(8) of the SARFAESI Act, the right of redemption of the secured assets will be available to them only till date of publication of Sale Notice.

Sl. No.	Name of the Borrower & Loan No	Demand Notice Date	Notice Amount (in Rupees)	Description of the Property
1.	MR. SRINIVAS N Loan A/c No. 412200003484 411500011056	12/02/2026	Rs. 4017513.00	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.268, As per E-Katha No.150200103200801811, & 526/118/119/268, formed out of land in Survey Nos.117, 118, 119, layout formed by The Bangalore City Police Housing Co-op. Society Ltd., situated at KACHANAYAKANAHALLI VILLAGE, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, measuring East to West: 40 Feet and North to South: 30 Feet, in all measuring 1200 Square Feet and bounded as follows: East by: Road, West by :Site No.273, North by: Site No.269, South by: Site No.267.
2.	MS.KEMPRAJ JYOTHI MR.GODFREY ROBIN FERNANDEN (GUARANTOR) Loan A/c No. 411600005218 4001010004972	13/02/2026	Rs. 3562529.00	SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of Residential property bearing No.23, Property No.9/3, bearing Katha No.394, situated at Kothanur Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently within Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike katha No.310/734/23, measuring East to West: 40 Feet (12.19 meters), North to South: 60 feet (18.29 meters) in all measuring 2400 sq. Feet (223.04 Sq.meters) and bounded on the: East by: Site No.24, West by: Site No.22, North by: Site No.38, South by: Road. SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY : 300 Sq.Ft. of undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 'A' above. SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY : Flat bearing No.T-2, in the Third Floor, measuring about 1300 sq. Feet super built up area (Which includes 1125 Sq.Ft of Carpet Area) containing Three bed rooms, together with RCC Roofing, Vitrified flooring together with one covered car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, etc., in the multistoried residential building known as "MANNA GRANDEUR" constructed over Schedule "A" Property.
3.	MR. VIJAY KUMAR S Loan A/c No. 411600008182	13/02/2026	Rs. 4868282.00	COMPOSITE SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing portion of Site No.55, 56, 57 & part of Site No.69, & Southern portion of Site No.40, Present Joint/Common BBMP Katha No.458/157/3, situated at Abbaiah Reddy Layout, Kaggadasapura Villge, K R Puram Hobli, earlier Bangalroe South Taluk, presently Bangalore East Taluk, presently under the adminisdtrative jurisdiction of BBMP, totally measuring 4154 Sq.Feet, with all rights, appurtenances whatsoever hereunder or underneath or above the surface and bounded on: East by: Road and Private Property , West by: Remaining portion of Site Nos.55, 56, 57 & part of 69 owned by K. L. Sheka and Rama J, North by: Government Road & Remaining portion of Site No.40, South by: 30 feet wide Road & Site No.39. SCHEDULE 'B' : 178 Sq. Feet, undivided right, title and interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule "A" above. SCHEDULE 'C' : Flat bearing No.102, in the First Floor, measuring about 1115 Sq. Feet super built up area, containing Two Bed Rooms, with Vitrified flooring together with One Car parking space, including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, Lift etc., in the multistoried residential building known as "SRI SRINIVASA ENCLAVE" constructed over Schedule "A" Property.
4.	MR. BYCHAPURA SRINIVASAMURTHY RAGHAVENDRA MS.VEENA Loan A/c No. :411900016300	13/02/2026	Rs. 3324604.00	SCHEDULE 'A' : All that piece and parcel of the Residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.81 (duly converted from agricultural to Non-agricultural residential purpose vide conversion order bearing No.ALN(A.J)SR /106/2012-13 dated 19.06.2013 issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore) Situated at Kachanayakanahalli Village, Jigni Hobli, Anekal Taluk Bangalore District measuring 23958 Sq. Feet [0-22 (twenty two) Guntas] now under the limits of Hennagara Village Panchayat having Katha No.455/8, E-katha No.150201103200300589 and bounded as follows: East by: Road, West by: Road, North by: Road, South by: Private Property SCHEDULE 'B' : (Undivided interest hereby conveyed) : 345 Sq.Ft undivided share, right, title interest and ownership in Schedule 'a' property. SCHEDULE 'C' : All that Residential Apartment bearing Flat No.T-5, in Third Floor of the Residential Apartment Complex known as 'BALAJI ELITE' consisting of Two Bed Rooms, with Living, Dining and Kitchen, Bathroom and Toilets, having Total super built up Area of 1060 Square feet with One Covered Car Parking.
5.	MR. PAWAN KUMAR H N Loan A/c No. : 4001010002114	16/02/2026	Rs. 9190041.00	SCHEDULE PROPERTY : All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.22, Assessment No.27, Situated at 1st Cross, Yajaman Thimaiah Enclave, Madanayakanahalli Village Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West: 50 Feet and North to South: 30 feet totally measuring 1500 Sq.Ft together with building consisting of Ground Floor, First Floor and second Floor and third floor bounded on the: East by: Road, West by: Site No.31,North by: Site No.23, South by: Site No.21.

Place : Bangalore
Date: 19.03.2026

Sd/- Authorized Officer
LIC Housing Finance Limited

SOUTHERN RAILWAY

(SIGNAL & TELECOMMUNICATION WORKSHOP) PODANUR

E-Tender

For and on behalf of the President of India, The Chief Workshop Manager, Signal and Telecommunication Workshop, Podanur, Coimbatore-641023, invites E-Tender for the following work as per Notice Inviting Tender (NIT) in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** Tenderers/Contractors intending to apply for the tender needs to get enrolled in the portal **www.ireps.gov.in** and only online tenders will be accepted. The Bid Security deposit should be made through online payement gateway or through available modes as mentioned in tender document

TENDER NOTICE No. SGW-S-203-HDG-599956-25/2 dated 17.03.2026

1.	Name of work	Hot dip Galvanizing with Shot /Sand Blasting for Ground connections of IRS point machine 143 mm stroke, 220 mm Stroke, Cable Clamp Assembly for Sleepers & Bridge clamp assembly for sleepers for S&T Workshop, Podanur for a period of One Year.
2.	Approximate cost of the work	₹ 57,45,951.00 Including GST @ 18%
3.	Earnest Money to be deposited	₹ 1,14,900/-
4.	Completion period of work	12 Months
5.	Date and time of closing of tender	15.00 Hrs of 01.04.2026
6	Website particulars	**www.ireps.gov.in**

For further details visit office of the Chief Workshop Manager, Signal and Telecommunication Workshop, Podanur, Coimbatore-641023.

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AUCTION SALE NOTICE

AUCTION SALE OF IMMOVABLE / MOVABLE PROPERTIES UNDER SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002.

Whereas, the Bank has issued notice under Section 13 (2) of the SARFAESI Act, 2002 and in pursuant to and in exercise of the powers conferred under Section 13 (4) of the Act, the **Authorised Officer, The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd, Bengaluru - 560018** has taken possession of the mortgaged and hypothecaped machinery properties including those more fully described hereunder, and the Bank has decided to sell the below mentioned property under the provisions of the SARFAESI Act 2002, read with the relevant Rules 6(2) & 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Sl. No.	Details of the Borrower / Guarantor	Description of Property and Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price and EMD Amount	Balance Outstanding Amount to be paid to Bank	Date & Time of Opening Tender & Place of Auction
1	**Borrowers:** **1) M/s. Shiv Shakti Sugar Mill (India) Pvt. Ltd.,** **having its Registered Office at:** No. 15-9-27, Mukthiyar Gunj, Hyderabad - 500012 (T.S.), **Factory at:** Bhangoor Village, Bidar Taluk & District - 585227, **Rep. by its Managing Director, Sri Sunil Kumar Agarwal,** **2) Sri Sunil Kumar Agarwal S/o. Late Ramanand Agarwal, Promoter, President & Managing Director of M/s. Shiv Shakti Sugar Mill (India) Pvt. Ltd.,** **3) Smt. Meenu Agarwal W/o. Sri Sunil Kumar Agarwal, Director, M/s. Shiv Shakti Sugar Mill (India) Pvt. Ltd.,** **Both 2 & 3 are residing at:** No.15-9-27, Mukthiyar Gunj, Hyderabad - 500 012, Telangana State. **4) Sri Tanish Agarwal S/o. Sri Sunil Kumar Agarwal, Director, M/s. Shiv Shakti Sugar Mill (India) Pvt. Ltd.,** No. 15-1-564, Siddiambar Bazar, Begum Bazar, Nampalli, Hyderabad, Telangana-500012.	1) Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.97, measuring 4 Acres, 2 Guntas, situated at Bhangoor Village, Bidar Taluk and District and bounded on **East by :** Land belonging to Md Ismail Sindolkar, **West by :** Land belonging to Sangaramappa and Basavanappa Wali, **North by :** Land belonging to Vaijnath and Gaudappa Mali Patil, **South by :** Land in Sy.No. 99 of Bhangoor, belonging to Papayya Barber. 2) Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the land bearing Sy.No.99, measuring 3 Acres, 3 Guntas, situated at Bhangoor Village, Bidar Taluk and District and bounded on **East by :** Bhangoor Tank, **West by :** Land of Basavanappa Wali, **North by :** Land in Sy.No. 97 of Bhangoor belonging to Sri Veershetty, **South by :** Lands of Ramanna Kalbemalgi and Chand Khan & Others. 3) Item No.3: Hypothecation regarding Plant and Machinery Registered deed of hypothecation regarding plant and machinery dated 01.02.2019, registered on 03.06.2019, as Document No. BDR-4-00022-2019-20 of Book-IV stored in CD No.BDRD 320, before the Senior Sub-registrar, Bidar EXECUTED BY M/s. Shiv Shakti Sugar Mills (India) Pvt. Ltd., in favour of the KSC Apex Bank Ltd.,	**Rs.19,92,88,000/-** (Rupees Nineteen Crore Ninety Two Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Only) **EMD: Rs.1,99,28,800/-** (Rupees One Crore Ninety Nine Lakh Twenty Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Only) (10% of the Reserve Price)	**Rs.19,75,45,458/-** (Rupees Nineteen Crore Seventy Five Lakh Forty Five Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty Eight Only) **as on 12-03-2026**	**28-04-2026 at 11.30 AM No.1, "UTHUNGA", Pampa Mahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560018**

The Description of the Hypothecated Machinery are narrated hereunder:-

Sl.No.	Machinery Details	Nos.	Use of Machinery
1	Cane Cutter along with 75 H.P. Electrical Motor	1 Set	For cutting of Sugar Cane.
2	Fibroizer, cutter and crusher along with 200 H.P. Electrical Motor	1 Set	For Extra Fine Preparation of Sugar Cane.
3	Cane Milling Section (Tandem) Mill Roller Size 24"x16" with carries motors totally number of rollers 20 along with 2 Nos. of 125 H.P. Motors and 1 No. of 40 H.P. Motor and 4 Nos. of 5 H.P. Motors and reduction gear boxes with inter carrier chain.	5 Nos.	For extraction of Sugar Cane Juice.
4	Sugar Cane Un-loader Crane with unloading platform with cane stock yard along with electrical motors.	1 Set	For Un-loading of sugarcane from lorries, carts and tractors.
5	Sugar Carrier i.e., from Crane to supply upto the mills	2 Set	For carrying sugar cane upto the Mills.
6	Control Electrical Panel Board with required capacity of starters switch gears and O.C.B's.	1 Set	Electrical Power Station for running of cutter, fibrozier and mills.
7	M.S. Tank on MS Foundation	2 Nos.	For water supply to the mills.
8	Sulphur Bhatties	3 Nos.	For passing sulphur dioxide gas in sugar cane for removing impurities from juice.
9	Sulphur Tank	4 Nos.	For filling raw sugar cane juice in these tanks for treatment of Sulphur Dioxide Gas.
10	MS Juice Heaters	3 Nos.	For Boiling of Sulphited juice upto 100°c.
11	Scrubbers	4 Nos.	For filtration of sulphur dioxide gas to supply to sulphur tanks.
12	Continuous Juice Clarifier	1	For settling of clear juice and muddy juice will be deposited below the tank.
13	Rotary Drum Vacuum Filtration Plant	1	The Juice will be separated from Mud through vacuum technology.
14	Hot Juice Pan evaporation and boiling Station 12T capacity	3 Nos.	For evaporation of clear and clarified juice.
15	Concentrators	3 Nos.	For further evaporation of juice 80° bricks.
16	Crystallizer	80 Nos.	For cooling & developing sugar crystals.
17	Centrifugal Machines	5 Nos.	For separating molasses and sugar in this machine.
18	Molasses Bhatty 5 MT Each	5	For boiling of 3rd grade sugar.
19	Crystallizer Tank	20	For cooling and developing sugar crystals for 3rd grade sugar.
20	Molasses storage tank	40	For storing of Molasses.
21	Sugar grading M/C	3	For grading of sugar into three different qualities i.e., C Type, M Type and S Type.
22	1 No. of 10 Tons 23 kg pressure Boiler along with feed water pumps 4 Nos with electrical motors and chimney of 150 feet in height with panel board with over head MS Shed	1 No	For Steam generation required for captive power generation and for process juice boiling section.
23	Boiler Water Tank	3 Nos.	For storage of water required for boiler.
24	Bagasse Carrier	1	For feeding of Bagasse to Boiler.
25	Pressure reducing Station	1	For reducing steam pressure.
26	DM Water Plant	1	For filtration of water total.
27	Turbine (Electrical Power Generation Station) along with alternator of 640 KW with panel board and all accessories.	1	For Power generation.
28	Juice Storage Tank	1	For storing of sugar cane juice.
29	Mix juice storage tank	1	For storing of sugar cane juice.
30	Weigh bridge 20 MT Dial type avery make	1	For weighment of sugarcane.
31	New Weigh bridge 50 MT scale type	1	For weighment of sugarcane.
32	650 KVA transformer	1	For electrical purposes.
33	315 KVA transformer	1	For electrical purposes.
34	200 KVA transformer	1	For electrical purposes.
35	Diesel generator Set 62.5 KVA	1	For electrical power alternate arrangement in case of breakdown of power.
36	Diesel generator Set 250 KVA	1	For electrical power alternate arrangement in case of breakdown of power.
37	Submersible pumps	4 Nos.	For bore well water drawing.
38	Lathe Machines and Shaper Machines, drilling machines, welding machines.	11 Nos.	For workshop purpose required for repairing and reconditioning of entire plant and machineries.
39	Weighing Scale	2 Nos.	For Sugar Weighment.
40	Compressors & Water Cooling Stations along with pumps motors.	4 Nos.	For water Cooling
41	Magma Pumps and Juice pumps and Concentrators	32 Nos.	For pumping of sugar cane juice, syrup and final masecute of sugar juice.
42	MS Carts	60	For transportation of sugar cane from fields to factory with the help of bullocks.

Place of storage / Installation of the Hypothecated Machinery at factory premises at Bhangoor Village, Bidar Taluk & District - 585227.

Terms and Conditions of Auction Sale:- **1)** The Tender form can be collected from **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., No. 1, "UTHUNGA", Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560018. (Phone: 080-26983700 / 26983722 / 22976600)** on all working days during office hours. **2)** The intending bidders should submit their bids in the prescribed tender form in closed cover along with EMD being 10% of the Reserve Price by means of Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order drawn in favour of **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., Bengaluru** - payable at Bengaluru. The Demand Draft / Banker's Cheque / Pay Order shall be drawn after the date of publication of this Auction Sale Notice. **3)** Tenders not in the prescribed format will not be accepted. The tender along with the EMD shall be submitted at **The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., Bengaluru** latest by **27-04-2026 before 5.00 PM.** Tender without EMD shall be summarily rejected. **4)** The property **"WILL NOT"** be sold below the reserve price. **5)** In case the bidder is not successful the EMD amount will be refunded without interest. **6)** The EMD amount shall be liable for forfeiture without prior notice, if the bidder including successful bidder fails to adhere to the terms and conditions of the Auction Sale. **7)** The sealed tenders will be opened by the Authorised Officer in the presence of the available / attending bidders **on 28-04-2026 at 11.30 AM. 8)** The successful bidder shall deposit 25% of the Sale Price (inclusive of EMD) immediately after the auction sale, on the same day, by Demand Draft / Pay Order / RTGS / NEFT and the balance of the Sale Price within 15 days from the date of confirmation of sale. In case of default by the successful bidder, all the amounts deposited till then shall be forfeited without notice and the property will be put for re-auction. **9)** The successful bidder shall bear the statutory dues / taxes / charges / property tax / E B charges / water charges / conveyance charges such as stamp duty, registration fee etc. that is required to be paid in order to get the property conveyed in his favour, as per the applicable laws. **10)** The Authorised Officer has absolute right to accept or reject any or all of the tender or / bid / offer and / or adjourn / postpone / cancel the Auction Sale without assigning any reason, and also to modify any of all terms and conditions of the sale without prior notice. **11)** The sale is subject to confirmation by the Bank. **12)** The property can be inspected by the intending bidders **between 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM** at their expenses at the address mentioned in the Schedule. **13)** The property is put for sale on **"AS IS WHERE IS CONDITION" and "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION".** The intending bidder shall satisfy them self about the title, ownership, statutory approvals, encumbrances etc. of the property.

For further details the intending bidders may contact the Authorised Officer, The Karnataka State Co-Operative Apex Bank Ltd., No. 1, "UTHUNGA", Pampamahakavi Road, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560018 for ascertaining the details of property and also for inspection of property (Phone No: 080-26983700 / 26983722 / 22976600) E-Mail ID: recoverycell@karnatakaapex.bank.in

Place : Bengaluru
Date : 18-03-2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer
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EDITORIAL

"Equality means more than passing laws. The struggle is really won in the hearts and minds of the community, where it really counts" — Barbara Gittings

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— Ramnath Goenka

CROSS-VOTING IN RS POLLS REFLECTS FADING IDEOLOGY, WEAKER PARTY DISCIPLINE

THE election for 37 Rajya Sabha seats across 10 states came down to thrillers that played out in Odisha, Bihar and Haryana. These three states, with the combined strength of 11 seats, engaged in contest while the rest were decided unopposed. The cat-and-mouse game of resort-hopping and cross-voting led to a nail-biting finish, which seems to have become par for the course in elections to the Upper House of Parliament.

Odisha had a history of strong party discipline, with rare exceptions like in 2002 when Dilip Ray managed to garner votes across parties. This time, Ray entered the fray as a BJP-backed independent candidate and unleashed a chain of events from the Congress herding off its MLAs to a Bengaluru resort and alleging large bribes offered for votes. When the numbers came out, Ray had managed to gain 11 votes, eight from the BJD and three from the Congress, to cross the finish line. In the process, the BJP gained a seat, while the BJD and the Congress together lost one despite having the numbers.

In Bihar, the NDA made a clean sweep of five seats, thanks to three Congress and one RJD MLAs' 'absence'. However, Haryana, with two seats on offer and the numbers stacked equally between the BJP and the Congress, had the most dramatic climax. Though Congress's Karamvir Boudh managed to scrape through against BJP-backed independent Satish Nandal, deep cracks were exposed as five Congress MLAs cross-voted and four others' votes were declared invalid.

The end result is that the NDA consolidated its position in the Rajya Sabha with its seats rising from 135 to 141. On the other hand, the INDIA bloc's count went down from 62 to 58. Despite gaining two seats to take its tally to 29, Congress legislators' proneness to cross-voting exposed worsening internal problems and slipping organisational control.

In truth, these elections established cross-voting as a norm in the current political climate, reflecting ideological erosion, opportunism and vulnerability to coercion or inducement. An attempt was made during Atal Bihari Vajpayee's NDA government to make Rajya Sabha elections more transparent with a shift from secret to open ballot. When the process was challenged, the Supreme Court upheld it with the observation, "If secrecy becomes a source for corruption, then sunlight and transparency have the capacity to remove it." Today, it has a ring of irony to it.

WITHDRAW BILL TO AMEND TRANSGENDER RIGHTS LAW

THE Supreme Court's *NALSA* (2014) verdict recognised the right of self-identification as male, female or transgender. The verdict was a watershed moment for the marginalised LGBTQIA+ community in India. Last week, a Bill introduced to amend the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act of 2019 weakened that right. While the 2019 Act is based on the *NALSA* verdict and recognises the right of self-identification, the proposed amendment regressively states that care has to be taken so that "such identification cannot be extended on the basis of any acquirable characteristics, or personal choice, or claimed self-perceived identity of an individual". The Bill seeks to 'define' transgender persons only as those "having such socio-cultural identities", persons who are intersex, and persons who have been "compelled" to "assume, adopt, or outwardly present a transgender identity". Essentially, it claims to protect only those who are marginalised due to "biological reasons" for no choice of their own.

This 'definition' betrays an utter lack of comprehension of the populace it seeks to protect. It conflates intersex persons (who have biological conditions) with transgender individuals (whose gender identity differs from the sex they were assigned at birth). To reduce this nuance to vague "biological reasons" betrays a lack of knowledge, understanding and empathy. Further, by relying on 'socio-cultural' identities, the Bill effectively leaves trans men, non-binary individuals and other marginalised identities from its ambit. Under this Bill, the privacy and dignity of trans individuals will be compromised at every level—gender-affirming treatment must be notified to the district authorities and medical scrutiny would be necessary to receive an identity certificate.

These provisions show that the law's framers have not consulted with members of the community on their needs. In the name of protecting people from abduction and trafficking, the Bill also potentially criminalises chosen (non-biological) communities or families who provide support to LGBTQIA+ persons who have left their natal families. That the Bill says nothing about the real concerns of the community—reservation and support for education, employment and livelihood—reveals its intent is not really to help trans persons. The question the community has asked of the Bill is valid: who asked for these changes, who do they help and who do they harm? The answer is not the community. The Bill should be withdrawn.

QUICK TAKE

SAFETY ON PLATE

IN just a month, the Food Safety and Standards Authority has conducted raids in Jaipur, Dhanbad, Kanpur and Surat to unearth tonnes of adulterated food and thousands of litres of unsafe oil that were being distributed. This welcome step-up in vigilance comes a month after the launch of a dedicated portal to train central and state officers in food safety risk assessment. Data shared in Parliament last week showed the extent of the challenge in keeping our food safe—220 licences were cancelled and 1,265 criminal cases initiated against offenders across the country in 2024-25 alone. Along with government capacity augmentation in personnel and laboratory infrastructure, this requires heightened vigil on the part of citizens, too. The future of India's public health depends on training school children on the basics of food safety.

The stakes for regional outfits like Trinamool Congress and DMK are higher at the upcoming state polls. The national parties too have their tasks cut out

BATTLE LINES SHIFTING IN SANDS OF TIME

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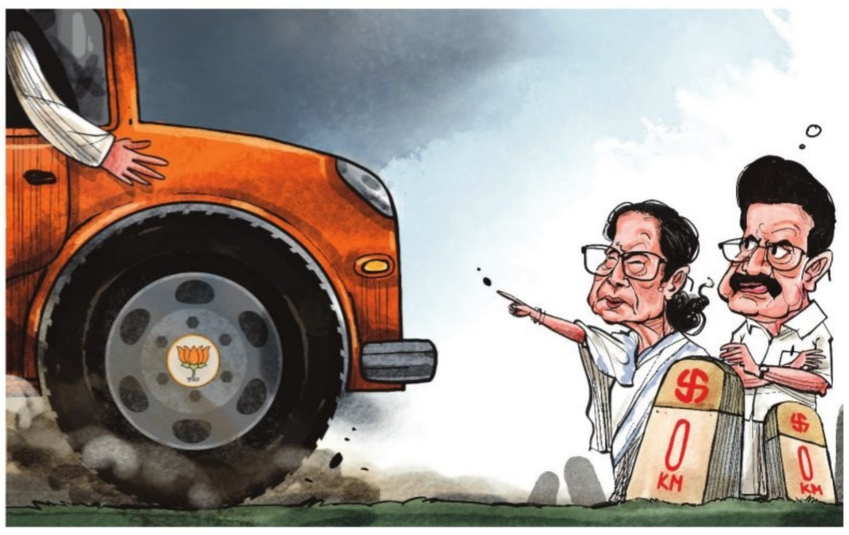

SOURAV ROY

THE myth that the country's south and east were virtually impregnable for the BJP has long been busted—albeit partially.

In Karnataka, the BJP is entrenched by itself and through ally Janata Dal (Secular). The JD(S), though singed by corruption charges and discredited for perpetuating dynastic rule, has a captive vote bank. In Telangana, the BJP has made considerable strides despite the incongruence in its vote shares in the 2024 Lok Sabha (35.4 percent) and 2023 Assembly (13.9 percent) polls. In Andhra Pradesh, the national party has a strong ally in the TDP. The BJP ran a coalition government in Puducherry with the All India NR Congress, a breakaway from the Congress whose leader and incumbent Chief Minister N Rangasamy quit in 2008 following differences with the Gandhis.

In the east, the BJP wrenched Odisha from the BJD in the last Assembly election and is ensconced in the state for now. In West Bengal, it has edged out the Left as the principal opposition in the legislature.

Yet, for all intents and purposes, Kerala has been a no-go for the BJP, which has just had one MLA so far, the veteran O Rajagopal. The victory of V V Rajesh as Thiruvananthapuram's mayor last December was celebrated as a breakthrough that can provide a base to build political capital.

Given this backdrop, what's at stake for the principal actors in next month's state polls?

On the face of it, the regional parties have higher stakes—more than the mainline BJP and Congress—because they have invested everything they can summon in these states and owe their *raison d'être* to the turfs they hold. Take away West Bengal from Trinamool Congress chairperson Mamata Banerjee or Tamil Nadu from DMK overlord M K Stalin, and these leaders would be hollowed out. The Congress is perhaps proactive in Kerala because one of the Gandhis owes her Lok Sabha seat to this state. Meanwhile, the BJP is furiously on the job in West Bengal, Assam and Kerala, though slightly less so in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

Watching the BJP's steps—or missteps—in West Bengal, it is apparent that it has pulled out all stops to corral Banerjee, leaving her with no time or inclination to visit neighbouring Assam even once. Laying siege to Banerjee is retribution for the BJP being 'denied' a win in the last state polls after its quantum leap in the 2019 parliamentary elections. In 2021, the BJP's slogan of a Bengal poised for "*poriborton*" (change) became a war cry. But the BJP was left with only 77 of the 294 Assembly seats. Its ace political strategist Amit Shah has still not reconciled with the indifferent showing, according to insiders.

This time, the BJP has employed tactics beyond the realm of conventional electioneering. Trinamool has charged that prodded by the Centre the Election Commission deleted a large number of voters from the rolls in Banerjee's strongholds. The transfer of Governor R N Ravi from Chennai to Kolkata, and the relocation of top bureaucrats believed to be close to the Trinamool regime are aspects of BJP's Operation Siege, intended to seriously curtail Banerjee's room for possible manoeuvres to swing voters.

This leaves Banerjee to play the game through conventional means like upping the emotional quotient on regionalism and the Centre's "assault" on the state's hallowed culture, language and pride. The BJP's central leaders have committed their share of serious gaffes by exhibiting a cavalier attitude towards the names and legacies of Bengal's revered icons.

The other factor at work is Bengal's changing demography, especially in the urban areas populated by migrants from Bihar and Jharkhand. The 'Bihar effect'—manifest in the NDA's sweep in the Assembly polls—is cited as a reason why the migrant Hindu votes could tilt towards the BJP. Loss in Bengal will whittle Banerjee's clout nationally and diminish her hopes of leading the amorphous INDIA bloc in 2029.

In the south, the DMK seems well placed as the opposition is in disarray and the BJP has not yet opened its cards. In the prelude to the elections, the BJP pulled out several arrows from its quiver to reach out to Tamil Nadu's voters—installing the Sengol, the golden sceptre that symbolised righteous rule in the Chola kingdom, on the Lok Sabha Speaker's podium, organising annual Kashi Tamil Sangamam at Varanasi, and replacing Edwin Lutyens' statue with C Rajagopalachari's at Rashtrapati Bhavan. But the Brahmanical overtones in the Kashi congregations and Rajaji's statue were unmistakable and out of depth with hardcore Dravida Kazhagam politics permeating Tamil Nadu, which the BJP hasn't cracked so far.

Kerala is probably the only state left with the Congress to prove its salience at the helm of the UDF—if it manages to unseat the LDF. Like the Left Front in Bengal, the Congress has been relegated to a has-been in the eastern state.

If the east is prized territory, the BJP can celebrate the steady gains it made in Assam and the footprints it seeks to leave in the other northeastern states on the back of its allies. However, after Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh, Assam is where the RSS's ideology effectively worked to the BJP's advantage, unlike in Kerala, where the Sangh's persistent work in the northern region never translated into votes for the political progeny. The BJP not only succeeded in trouncing the Congress, which was orphaned after former Chief Minister Tarun Gogoi's death, but managed to marginalise the once-formidable Asom Gana Parishad that was born from the All Assam Students' Union agitation against "illegal" immigrants.

Like many other promising regional parties, the AGP's central plank was co-opted by the BJP, which has since appropriated the issue of alleged Bangladeshi infiltration and taken it to a different level with the Hindu-Muslim divide. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, a Congress migrant to the BJP, left no stone unturned to paint the entire Muslim community as an adversary worthy of elimination. The Congress's haplessness against Sarma's campaign is evident even with Tarun Gogoi's son Gaurav opting for an Assembly ticket over his Parliament membership from Jorhat. The defection of MP Pradyut Bordoloi and former state Congress chief Bhupen Borah to the BJP made the power shift clearer.

To sum up, the elections are a litmus test for Banerjee and Stalin because Bengal and Tamil Nadu are thought of as the last outposts stalling the BJP's overweening ambition. For the BJP, the challenge lies in unseating Trinamool. Meanwhile, the Congress, daunted in its fight to wrest Assam, will have to prove its worth by gaining Kerala and possibly Puducherry.

(Views are personal)

SCIENCE FOR A NEW TRADE ERA

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WITH the draft text of the India-European Union free trade agreement now public, attention must shift from the headlines to the regulatory architecture shaping India's agricultural engagement with one of the world's most standards-intensive markets. Its provisions span sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) measures, sustainable food systems (SFS), climate action, gender equality, biodiversity and marine resources, signalling deeper integration where systems credibility matters as much as tariffs.

The FTA reflects a shift from production-centric agricultural science to regulatory- and sustainability-oriented science. Competitiveness will increasingly depend on surveillance, traceability, risk assessment, sustainability metrics and alignment with global benchmarks. For India, this places the agricultural research and innovation system, led by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, at the centre of implementation. Science, in effect, becomes trade infrastructure.

SPS credibility: Despite India's price competitiveness in several commodities, access to the EU has often been shaped less by tariffs than by SPS requirements. Concerns over residues, pest status, disease outbreaks and approvals have shaped trade continuity.

The negotiated text responds through clearer regulatory disciplines. Import approvals must rest on transparent risk assessment and scientific reasoning.

Equivalence allows different regulatory systems to be accepted if they deliver comparable outcomes, shifting the focus from identical standards to demonstrable regulatory performance supported by reliable monitoring and institutional competence. Technical consultations enable structured engagement where concerns arise, including emergency measures. Their effectiveness will depend on India's capacity to respond with coordinated technical expertise across its agricultural science institutions.

Sustainability: The sustainability provisions widen the mandate of agricultural science. The SFS chapter—the first such standalone framework in any FTA concluded by India—establishes cooperation on responsible input use, reduction of food loss and waste, antimicrobial resistance, animal welfare and sustainability across production, processing and consumption. Rather than treating sustainability as a compliance threshold, the FTA embeds dialogue, research exchange and technical cooperation within the trade architecture.

Trade and sustainable development (TSD) provisions extend this approach. Climate cooperation promotes mutually supportive trade and climate policies aligned with low-emission and climate-resilient pathways. Agriculture is both climate-sensitive and emission-relevant; stress-tolerant crops, resource-efficient production systems and adaptation across agro-climatic zones increasingly shape competitiveness.

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To make proper use of the EU trade pact, Indian agriculture will have to heed a host of regulations regarding phytosanitary measures and sustainable practices. With focus shifting to the raft of new norms, scientific engagement will have to be at the core of decision-making mechanisms

Provisions on biodiversity and genetic resources recognise the trade relevance of sustainably managed biological resources, ecosystem valuation and access to genetic material under international frameworks. For an economy rich in plant and livestock diversity, this elevates agrobiodiversity governance, including germplasm conservation, indigenous breeds and seed systems as a trade-relevant scientific function.

In fisheries and aquaculture, the FTA promotes sustainable sourcing, responsible practices, capacity building and research collaboration. Given the importance of marine exports, benchmarks such as stock management, disease control and value-chain traceability increasingly shape market access. India's fisheries research institutions therefore become central to this interface.

Gender: Gender provisions encourage cooperation on disaggregated trade data, policy analysis and measures expanding women's access to markets, finance and business networks. In the agri-food economy, where women are central to crop production, dairy, fisheries and rural enterprises, integrating women producers into formal value chains becomes both an equity and competitiveness imperative. This reinforces the importance of gender-inclusive innovation in technology design, value addition, producer organisations and digital advisory systems.

Monitoring and science: Across the SPS, SFS and TSD chapters, the FTA establishes mechanisms for technical consultation, monitoring and periodic review. Measures affecting trade are expected to draw on scientific information, international standards and collaborative research. The credibility of engagement will depend on the depth and reliability of scientific inputs, from surveillance systems and laboratories to climate analytics, biodiversity documentation and fisheries assessment.

India's agricultural research system possesses substantial scientific depth. Yet, evolving trade architecture requires this expertise to be systematically integrated into trade implementation rather than engaged episodically. Scientific engagement must move from the margins to the core of decision-making. Institutionalised linkages between research bodies and trade policy processes are essential so regulatory preparedness evolves with global market expectations.

Sustained policy support and continued investment in agricultural research will, therefore, be critical. In that alignment lies the opportunity to expand exports and strengthen the scientific foundations of India's agricultural system for the decades ahead.

(Views are personal)

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Reducing dependency

Ref: *Rising trade deficit* (Mar 18). China has adroitly exploited its natural resources and raw materials, and India lags in mining and exploration due to environmental issues, bureaucratic delays and lacklustre focus. We need to diversify our supply chains and augment R&D to accelerate mining and reduce dependency.
Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Everyday pragmatism

Ref: *Dress for the climate* (Mar 18). By questioning why professionals should suffer in stuffy suits simply for the sake of convention, we open the door to a broader, necessary conversation: genuine sustainability begins with everyday pragmatism. This isn't a step backward from professionalism but a thoughtful redefinition of it.
Veda Chidanand, email

Conflict-ready India

Ref: *Pakistan's perpetual hostility* (Mar 18). Pakistan's military has always been disrupting civilian initiatives for peace and this will continue unabated. India should maintain a constant state of readiness against infiltration, skirmishes and political miscalculations. Monitoring Pakistan's military actions is more important than analysing its political statements.
N Rama Rao, email

Electoral ethic

Ref: *Chopping and changing to deliver* (Mar 18). The ECI took the right step. It would be better if, amid the severe trust deficit, the Chief Election Commissioner voluntarily steps aside to send a correct message that the commission means serious business when conducting fair and peaceful elections.
D Nagarjuna, Hyderabad

Softer Sonam

Ref: *Wangchuk strikes conciliatory tone* (Mar 18). Sonam Wangchuk is a mellowed man after his release. He said any negation means both sides will have to make some adjustments, yet his previous agitation turned needlessly violent. Hopefully, the violence and vandalism don't return.
K V Raghuram, Wayanad

Absent UN

Ref: *Iran leader killed* (Mar 18). Israel's claim will only add to escalation of hostilities. Where is that peacekeeping organisation which we all used to call the UN? If it is incapable of taming its murderous member states, it is better disbanded.
George Jacob, Kochi

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POSTS OF THE DAY

Priyanka Chaturvedi @priyankac19
This isn't a farewell. This is a step back only to return stronger. Thank you to one and all who made my journey in the parliament worth the while I spent here.

Asaduddin Owaisi @asadowaisi
A hate campaign is unfolding in Uttam Nagar right under @DelhiPolice's nose, yet no visible action is being taken to prevent it.

Yogi Adityanath @myogiadityanath
We have not viewed the state through the lens of divisions, not through the lens of caste, not through the lens of region. For us, the people of UP are our family...

Cabinet nod to cotton MSP boost, ₹33k cr push

Also okays construction of 4-lane, access-controlled NH-927 in UP

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

COTTON and other key sectors received a fresh policy push on Wednesday as the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Narendra Modi, cleared a series of major projects spanning agriculture, infrastructure, renewable energy and industry. The decisions are aimed at strengthening economic growth, improving logistics and enhancing public welfare.

Among the measures, the Cabinet approved funding support of ₹1,718.56 crore to the Cotton Corporation of India for procurement operations. An official statement issued later said "in a significant step towards strengthening farmer welfare and advancing the vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat, the CCEA has approved Minimum Support Price (MSP) funding of ₹1,718.56 crore to the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) for the cotton season 2023-24". The Government has also fixed the MSP for seed cotton (kapas) based on recommendations from the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices. Cotton continues to be a critical cash crop, supporting nearly 60 lakh farmers and providing employment to 400–500 lakh people across processing, trade and textile sectors.

BHAVYA approved

The Cabinet also approved the ₹33,660 crore Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna (BHAVYA), aimed at developing 100 plug-and-play industrial park. Vaishnaw said the initiative would help build world-class industrial infra.

Briefing the media, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that the Cabinet has also approved the construction of a four-lane, access-controlled National Highway-927 from Barabanki to Bahraich in Uttar Pradesh at a cost of ₹6,969.04 crore. The project is designed to improve connectivity to major economic, social and logistics hubs. It includes a civil construction cost of ₹3,485.49 crore and ₹1,574.85 crore for land acquisition.

According to government estimates, the highway project is expected to generate 36.54 lakh person-days of direct employment and 43.04 lakh person-days of indirect employment. Designed with access control and continuous service roads, it will bypass congested habitations, reduce travel time to about one hour, and improve safety and fuel efficiency. The project is also expected to boost regional development, improve connectivity to districts such as Bahraich and Shravasti, and support agricultural trade, tourism and cross-border commerce.

In the renewable energy sector, the Cabinet approved a small hydropower development scheme with an outlay of ₹2,585 crore to create 1,500 MW of capacity. Vaishnaw described this as an important environmentally focused decision. "The projects will be developed as run-of-river projects without constructing dams and displacing people", he said. He noted that India has potential for small hydropower projects at 7,133 sites, with a total capacity of 21,000 MW, while around 5,100 MW is currently operational. The scheme will be implemented over five years and is expected to attract investments of around ₹15,000 crore.

Iran war likely to jack up drug costs

KAVITA BAJELI-DATT @ New Delhi

As the West Asia conflict continues, the Indian pharmaceutical industry fears that a prolonged disruption in petrochemical supplies, critical to drug manufacturing, syringes and packaging, could significantly impact the sector. Such disruption could have a cascading effect: slower production may force patients to pay more for medicines or face shortages of essential drugs such as antibiotics, antidiabetics and cardiovascular treatments relied upon by millions.

Experts note that medicines such as paracetamol, penicillin, antibiotics and sedatives are derived from petrochemical feedstocks such as benzene, toluene and ethylene, which are key building blocks for Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs). KM Gopakumar, Co-convenor of The Working Group on Access to Medicines and Treatment, said, "This is not just an energy supply problem - it may be a public health problem in the making. India manufactures over 50,000 generic drug formulations, and a substantial share of them depend on petrochemical-derived intermediates, solvents, excipients and packaging materials at some stage of the production chain." Industry insiders agree that supply disruptions would have a major impact. "If the war rages for another month, then even the big pharma companies will also be impacted. Most pharma companies have finished products for at least a few months. The break in the chain will have a ripple effect, which will be felt by the people, who will either buy in bulk to wade through the medicine shortage or will have to pay more."

> **The NPPA has fixed ceiling prices for essential medicines... What would happen is that pharma firms may have reduced profits.**
>
> Ravi Udaya Bhaskar, AIDCOC

While large pharmaceutical firms typically maintain three to six months of inventory, Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) often hold only limited stocks. Nearly 200 small manufacturers could halt production within weeks once inventories run out, Gopakumar said. "The MSME pharmaceutical sector is not just an economic unit - it is the production backbone for affordable generic medicines that supply government health schemes like Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendras, public hospital formularies and rural primary health centres. When the production line is disrupted, the earliest impact is unlikely to be on specialty drugs but on high volume essential drugs such as antibiotics, analgesics, antidiabetics and cardiovascular medicines that hundreds of millions of Indians depend on daily," he added.

Experts emphasise that petrochemicals underpin not just drug synthesis but also solvents, excipients, packaging, medical devices and diagnostics, making the sector highly sensitive to energy supply disruptions. Dr Dinesh Dua, former chairman of Pharmexcil, said, "However, the leap from supply-chain stress to an imminent humanitarian crisis is not supported by how these markets historically behave. The more realistic scenario is one of inflationary pressure, selective shortages in low-margin generics, and tighter global trade flows, rather than a systemic breakdown of medicine availability."

USED IN SYNTHESIS OF SMALL-MOLECULE APIS

In drug manufacturing, petrochemicals are widely used in the synthesis of many small-molecule APIs. Aromatic compounds such as Benzene derivatives are involved in pathways for the synthesis of analgesics like paracetamol. It is also used in tablets, injectables and liquid formulations, including polyethylene glycol, polysorbates and parabens.

INTEGRAL TO SYRINGES, IV BAGS, AMPOULES

Beyond medicines, petrochemical-derived plastics and polymers are integral to syringes, IV bags, and diagnostic kits, among others. Pharmaceutical packaging, too, relies heavily on such materials. Plastic component in blister packs, ampoules, and high-density polyethene bottles that stores delicate medicines are derived from petrochemicals.

SC questions Bengal over ED raid in IPAC

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court on Wednesday questioned the West Bengal government's objection to the maintainability of the Enforcement Directorate's (ED's) plea over alleged obstruction by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee during a raid, saying no entity can be left remediless under the Constitution.

The state government has questioned the maintainability of the ED's plea alleging obstruction by Banerjee and other authorities during its January 8 search of the office of political consultancy firm I-PAC in Kolkata related to a money-laundering probe.

A bench of Justices Prashant Kumar Mishra and NV Anjaria was told by the West Bengal government that the ED is not a juristic person, enabling it to file an Article-32 petition in the court for violation of fundamental rights against a state.

"If the ED, according to you, cannot file a writ petition under Article 32 of the Constitution, then surely it cannot file its petition before the high court under Article 226? Then where will they seek remedy? There cannot be a vacuum. Our Constitution does not envisage an entity to be remediless," Justice Mishra told senior advocate Shyam Divan, who appeared in the court on behalf of the state government.

Justice Mishra further wondered what remedy does the ED have in a situation like this and what would happen in a similar scenario in the future.

"The ED's allegation is that the chief minister of the state obstructed their work. This is a serious situation. Tomorrow, another chief minister or state authority can obstruct their work. Where will they go," the judge said.

Divan contended that the ED is not a juristic personality but only a department of the central government and that only the Union of India can file a writ petition.

"The ED cannot file an Article-32 petition, it cannot maintain an Article-226 petition, cannot file Article 227. It is not that they are remediless. Allowing an individual department to invoke the writ jurisdiction could pose a danger to federal structure," the lawyer submitted.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

SC restores FIR in land grab case in Himachal

The Supreme Court has set aside a Himachal Pradesh HC order that had quashed an FIR alleging fraud, forgery and criminal conspiracy to grab ancestral property worth crores in Shimla. A bench headed by Justice Vikram Nath was hearing the plea.

Profession tainted by hooliganism, says SC

The Supreme Court has come down heavily on members of the Barabanki District Bar Association in Uttar Pradesh for vandalising a toll plaza and ransacking a fellow advocate's office after he appeared for the toll employees.

'Dying declaration will prevail over probe mismatch'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court has upheld the conviction of a man for murdering his wife based on her dying declaration.

A mere discrepancy in the investigation officer's (IOs') statements would not discredit the dying declaration when the doctor has approved the deceased's fit state of mind to give statements, the court noted.

A bench of Justices Pankaj Mithal and SVN Bhatti dismissed the husband's appeal, upholding the Karnataka HC's judgement to convict him for murder and cruelty.

On the fateful night, a quarrel started between the couple, leading to the setting ablaze of the woman by the husband. The deceased was taken to the hospital. After the doctor approved the wife's fit state of mind, her dying declaration was duly recorded by the IO.

'ONE POLL' TO CUT POLLING STAFF BY 28%, SAYS PANEL

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

A working paper released by the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) estimated that implementation of 'One Nation One Election' will reduce deployment of polling personnel by 28% (26 lakh personnel) over a 5-year election cycle.

Meanwhile, the Lok Sabha on Wednesday extended the tenure of the Joint Parliamentary Committee examining the 'ONOE Bill', to submit its report by the first day of the last week of the Monsoon Session of Parliament.

The paper, authored by EAC-PM member Sanjeev Sanyal and Joint Director Satvik Dev, argued that the estimated reduction in personnel-days of polling personnel under simultaneous elections will be 1.04 crore over a five-year election cycle.

The estimated reduction of 28% in polling personnel under simultaneous elections, even though lower than the benchmark reduction of 33%, is significant for at least two reasons, said the paper.

Since most polling personnel are teachers, and most polling stations are located in schools, a reduction of this scale in teaching days could have a significant impact on learning outcomes, according to the authors.

The authors said that the EC itself estimates that security deployment will be higher for a simultaneous election compared to a Lok Sabha election on account of bigger security requirements. "But, at the same time, the separate deployment of security personnel for state Assembly elections will be reduced. Therefore, coming up with a single-point estimate of the impact on security personnel is difficult," it said.

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PARLIAMENT PROCEEDINGS

Kharge bats for longer sessions, cooperation

PARVEZ SULTAN @ New Delhi

LEADER of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge, on Wednesday called for longer parliamentary sessions, greater cooperation between treasury and Opposition benches, and a review of procedural rules.

Speaking during a farewell for retiring members, Kharge, also Congress president, expressed concern over public issues and the frequent expunging of members' remarks. He said Parliament functions best when both sides collaborate constructively, warning that mistrust could weaken democratic institutions. Kharge also called for increasing the number of sittings and holding serious deliberations on public issues.

"It is my firm belief that rules must be reviewed regularly," he said, noting that the matter is under consideration before the General Purposes Committee. Kharge added that politicians never retire from public life and remain committed to serving the nation.

He stressed that quality lawmaking requires equal participation from Opposition members, particularly in parliamentary committees, cautioning that sidelining dissent could harm credibility. He criticised expunction, saying it distorts debates and undermines accountability. The House shared a lighter moment when he joked about long associations with senior leaders, especially former prime minister HD Deve Gowda. "He dated us, loved us, but married Prime Minister Narendra Modi," he quipped, drawing laughter. He concluded that open debate and mutual respect are essential.

'In politics, there're no full stops... experience counts'

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ New Delhi

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi addressed retiring members in their farewell at the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday, saying, "In politics, there are no full stops; your experience and contribution will forever remain a part of the nation's life." He noted that senior leaders provide ample opportunities to learn how to remain fully committed to responsibilities.

Expressing gratitude for the occasion, the PM remarked that it allows the House to rise above party lines. He added that whether members return or pursue wider social service, their experience continues to benefit the nation. "The journey never truly ends," he said, highlighting that politics constantly offers new opportunities for seasoned leaders.

Modi encouraged younger MPs to look up to veterans like H D Deve Gowda, Mallikarjun Kharge, and Sharad Pawar as role models. He also praised Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh for his calm demeanour and his ability to manage complex situations.

Speaking on parliamentary legacies, he said, "The Parliamentary system gains immense strength from the concept of a second opinion. This second opinion is a massive contribution to our democracy that we must cherish." He emphasised that six years in the Rajya Sabha are invaluable for personal growth and shaping one's contribution to the nation. "The invaluable contributions of the retiring members to nation-building would continue to be felt whether they serve within the formal system or through independent social work," he added.

Modi reflected on changing traditions, noting that while media awareness has increased, humour and wit remain integral. He called the Rajya Sabha a "Great Open University" and said the biennial retirement cycle ensures continuity. Chairman C P Radhakrishnan stated that 59 members from 20 states will retire between April and July this year.

Govt: UPA no to Swaminathan panel's formula

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

AMID the Opposition demand for a Minimum Support Price (MSP) guarantee as promised to farmers, Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan reminded Congress members on Wednesday that it was the UPA government that did not accept the Swaminathan Committee's recommendations on the MSP.

The minister was replying to a discussion on the demands for grants under the Agriculture ministry in Lok Sabha.

"You were talking about the Swaminathan Commission formula on MSP. Did the UPA government give MSP? The records show that the UPA government rejected the recommendations that the MSP should be 50 per cent more than the average cost of production," Chouhan said adding that the government ensured benefit of farmers.

POWER CORRIDOR

MINISTRY GRANTS PASSED IN LS

The Lok Sabha on Wednesday passed the Demands for Grants of various ministries for 2026-27, approving an expenditure of over ₹53 lakh crore. The House passed the Demands for Grants by applying the guillotine. The House also passed the Appropriation Bill (2) Bill.

MP SEEKS ₹50K FARMER PACKAGE

Congress MP Amrinder Singh Raja Warring on Wednesday demanded a special package of ₹50,000 crore for the state's farmers, who he said were in "distress". Warring claimed that 750 farmers lost their lives in the state during the farmers' agitation.

'NO FAREWELL FOR DHANKHAR?'

Congress leader Jairam Ramesh took a swipe at the government in the Rajya Sabha on Wednesday, saying while a farewell function for retiring MPs was held, sadly there has been no such function for former chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar. who was "compulsorily retired".

ARRESTED

A retired Merchant Navy officer, pretending to be an astrologer, was arrested in Maharashtra's Nashik district on Wednesday for allegedly repeatedly raping a woman for over three years, police said.

5 DEAD IN 2 SEPARATE ROAD ACCIDENTS IN C'GARH

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	39	23	Mumbai	31	26
Bhopal	37	21	Panaji	32	25
Jaipur	36	19	Patna	36	21
Amritsar	30	16	Lucknow	36	20
Chennai	34	25	Port Blair	31	26
Kolkata	35	24	Imphal	22	15
Srinagar	04	-3	Chandigarh	37	18

Cong in the Northeast state in turmoil as internal rifts rise ahead of crucial Assembly elections ■ Didi denies tickets, unrest grows in Bengal

Dissent setback to Assam Cong

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR & PREETHA NAIR
@ Guwahati/New Delhi

Goal is to get all good leaders of Cong to BJP: Himanta

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma took a swipe at the Opposition Congress in the state, saying that no person with self-respect will stay in the opposition party and that he wants to bring all its "good" leaders in Assam into the BJP for a brighter future of the state.

THE Congress in Assam is facing a serious crisis just weeks before the April 9 Assembly elections. The problems in the state also reflect a larger trend, as the party struggles with defections, internal disagreements, and organisational issues in several parts of the country. Across states, leaders leaving the party and ongoing internal tensions have weakened its morale and raised concerns about its readiness for the upcoming elections.

In Assam, the party has suffered a double blow with the exits of two prominent leaders. Former state Congress president Bhupen Kumar Borah resigned last month, followed by Nagaon MP Pradyut Bordoloi, who ended his three-decade-long association with the party to join the BJP. Bordoloi's decision is believed to have been influenced by dissatisfaction over candidate selection in the Laharighat constituency, highlighting internal rifts that continue to trouble the party.

These departures have come at a crucial time, when Congress was hoping to rebuild its position in a state it once dominated. The party, which ruled Assam for 15 years from 2001 to 2016 under former CM Tarun Gogoi, got reduced to a shadow of its former self in the wake of BJP's emergence as a powerhouse about a decade ago. The Congress has not won a single election in Assam since the BJP captured power in 2016.

Even as the BJP's juggernaut continued, a moribund Congress was somewhat rejuvenated, first when Gaurav Gogoi managed to win from the Jorhat seat in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections despite the BJP going all guns blazing to defeat him, and then, his appointment as the state Congress president in May last year.

As the Congress under Gogoi was preparing for the Assembly polls, there was a perception that it would be able to put up a fight to the BJP, considering the anti-incumbency factor, particularly in Upper Assam, which has 27 of the state's 126 seats.

However, the recent resignations have dented that momentum. The party has long been affected by defections, factionalism, and what critics describe as lobby-driven politics. With less than three weeks to go before the polls, it now faces the difficult task of regaining unity and voter confidence in a short span of time.

Alliance issues have added to its troubles. The Congress had aimed to form a broad opposition front but ultimately settled for a five-party alliance. It failed to reach an agreement with Raijor Dal over seat-sharing, while All India United Democratic Front has chosen to contest independently. This fragmented opposition makes the challenge of taking on the BJP even more daunting.

The situation in Assam mirrors a wider pattern of instability within the Congress across the country. As the party heads into elections in several states and Puducherry, it is grappling with high-profile exits, internal disagreements, and organisational weaknesses.

The developments come on the heels of a disappointing performance in the Rajya Sabha elections, where cross-voting and absenteeism by Congress legislators hurt the party in closely contested seats. In Odisha, Haryana, and Bihar, several MLAs either voted against the party line or abstained, helping candidates backed by the ruling NDA.

In Haryana, despite managing a narrow win, the party faced embarrassment as five of its MLAs cross-voted. In Bihar, the absence of half its legislators contributed to the NDA sweeping all five seats. In Odisha, three MLAs defied the party whip and supported NDA candidates, forcing the Congress to expel them.

These incidents have exposed serious gaps in coordination and discipline within the party. Efforts to keep MLAs united, including relocating them before voting, did not prevent cross-voting, pointing to dissatisfaction among members.

Internal tensions are also visible in candidate selection processes. Despite attempts by senior leaders to ensure smooth ticket distribution, disagreements persist in several states. In Kerala, where the Congress is optimistic about forming the government, rivals have seized on these internal conflicts.

Rebellion brews among TMC ranks day after distribution of tickets

Those who are denied tickets don't misunderstand. They will be given other responsibilities in the party after the elections

74 MLAs not given tickets

Soon after the ticket distribution, discontent simmered within the Trinamool Congress. The party denied tickets to 74 MLAs. The decision made by CM Mamata Banerjee triggered visible unrest across several constituencies in the state.

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

DISCONTENT simmered within the ruling Trinamool Congress after the leadership denied tickets to 74 MLAs ahead of crucial Assembly elections. The announcement, made by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee alongside Abhishek Banerjee, triggered visible unrest across several constituencies.

In Jalpaiguri, veteran leader Khageswar Roy resigned as the chairman of Jalpaiguri district Trinamool Congress post after being replaced by athlete Swapna Barman. A four-time MLA, Roy alleged that "money power" influenced the decision. "I have been with Mamata Banerjee since she formed the party. Today I have been defeated by money. Someone must have given money, and that is why my name was dropped," he said.

Roy further criticised the selection of Barman, claiming she had "never worked for the party." His resignation as Jalpaiguri district chairman underscored the depth of dissatisfaction among grassroots organisers who felt overlooked despite years of loyalty. He warned that the party would "lose the Rajganj seat".

A similar sentiment emerged in Malda, where three-time MLA Tajmul Hossain was replaced by Matiur Rahaman. "I am stunned by the party's decision... It is a breach of trust," Hossain said. "The party will have to face the consequence for not giving me the ticket," he warned. His supporters accused political consultancy firm I-PAC of influencing ticket distribution.

Local workers in Harishchandrapur openly expressed anger, with many declaring they would not actively campaign. Such reactions pointed to a broader organisational strain caused by the party's attempt to counter anti-incumbency by dropping nearly one-third of its legislators.

Responding to the backlash, Mamata Banerjee urged calm: "Those who are denied tickets don't misunderstand. They will be given other responsibilities in the party after the elections." Party insiders maintained that the overhaul was based on "ground-level feedback" and necessary to improve electoral prospects.

Extensive intervention

Such extensive intervention signals the poll panel's intent to ensure neutrality in a state often marked by election violence, according to officials.

5 DIGs & 11 DMs reshuffled in another EC move in Bengal

SUBHENDU MAITI @ Kolkata

IN a major administrative shake-up in West bengal, the Election Commission on Wednesday removed five senior IPS officers and 11 district magistrates ahead of the elections.

The decision came even as Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee wrote to Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar, urging the poll body to avoid such steps and describing the move as "unilateral".

In a directive issued by EC secretary Sujeet Kumar Mishra, five DIG-rank officers were replaced across Raiganj, Murshidabad, Bardhaman, Presidency and Jalpaiguri ranges with immediate effect.

Simultaneously, district magistrates-cum-district electoral officers in key districts, including Darjeeling, Cooch Behar and North 24-Parganas, were also transferred and replaced by new IAS appointees.

The EC directed that all transferred officials would be kept away from any poll-related responsibilities until the polls concluded.

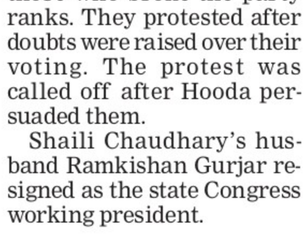
In her letter, Banerjee said the removals were "a matter of deep concern and surprise" and alleged that established conventions between the Centre and the state had been ignored. She argued the decisions undermined cooperative federalism and democratic norms.

The sweeping changes follow an earlier overhaul, soon after the Model Code of Conduct came into force, during which top bureaucrats and police officials were replaced. The EC then appointed Dushyant Nariala as chief secretary, Sanghamitra Ghosh as home secretary, and new leadership in the police.

Officials said such extensive intervention signals the EC's intent to ensure neutrality in a state often marked by poll violence. Observers said removing senior officers at once indicates a stricter approach toward alleged partisan functioning within the administration.

Cross-voting: Cong makes names of 4 Haryana MLAs public

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh



THE Congress has revealed the names of four of its Haryana MLAs who allegedly cross-voted in the Rajya Sabha elections in favour of the ruling BJP. Haryana Congress in-charge BK Hariprasad named Shalley Chaudhary from Naraingarh, Mohammad Ilyas from Punahana, Mohammad Israel from Hathin, and Renu Bala from Sadhaura and said show-cause notices will be sent to the MLAs soon.

"Action will be taken based on party's disciplinary committee chairman Dharampal Malik's report," he told reporters in Delhi on Wednesday.

Hariprasad said that along with LoP Bhupinder Singh Hooda, he reviewed the ballot papers as an authorised agent. "We had 37 votes, but 5-6 were declared invalid and after examining the ballots, it was confirmed that four MLAs cross-voted," he said.

Hariprasad alleged that the election process was influenced by "money, muscle power, and institutional pressure," claiming that several votes were deliberately invalidated to alter the outcome. He said though the BJP lacked numbers, it still supported an independent candidate to undermine the winning prospects of the Congress nominee who is a dalit activist. "A pattern similar to the 2016 Rajya Sabha elections emerged this time in the state," he said.

The BJP and Congress won one Rajya Sabha seat each in Haryana on Tuesday as the counting of votes ended past midnight following allegations of violation of vote secrecy by both sides. Former Lok Sabha MP Sanjay Bhatia of BJP and Dalit activist Karamvir Singh Boudh of Congress won the polls.

It was a narrow win for Boudh over Independent candidate Satish Nandal, as cross-voting dented the otherwise comfortable position of Congress. The two MLAs of INLD abstained from voting, reducing the number of valid votes to 88 in the 90-member Assembly at the beginning of polling.

Earlier in the day, two Congress legislators stat on a dharna demanding the disclosure of the names of those who broke the party ranks. They protested after doubts were raised over their voting. The protest was called off after Hooda persuaded them.

Shaili Chaudhary's husband Ramkishan Gurjar resigned as the state Congress working president.

Prefer Samrat to replace me, says Nitish

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

BIHAR Chief Minister and JD(U) supremo Nitish Kumar on Wednesday dropped ample hints that he preferred deputy CM and BJP leader Samrat Choudhary as his successor.

Addressing a public gathering in Jamui as part of the fourth leg of his ongoing "Samriddhi Yatra", Nitish placed his hand on Choudhary's shoulder and appealed to people to support him in the coming days.

With a smile, Nitish said, "Now he (Samrat) would handle all the work." He urged the people to bestow their blessings upon him (Samrat Choudhary). JD(U) leader and minister in the Nitish Kumar cabinet Vijay Kumar Chaudhary was also present on the occasion.

Earlier too, Nitish had hinted that Choudhary would be his successor but this time, he was more straightforward as he is bracing up for moving to ther Rajya Sabha and stepping down as chief minister next month.

With Nitish giving the message that Choudhary would be the next CM, speculations over his potential elevation has got some credence. He is among the front-runners for the chief minister's post.

The BJP, which has emerged as the single largest party in the last assembly elections, will in all probability stake claim for the chief ministership. Choudhary is number two in the Nitish cabinet, holding the crucial home department also.

For the first time in 20 years, Nitish has ceded the crucial home portfolio, assigning it to Choudhary, son of veteran politician Shakuni Choudhary.

Representing the Tarapur Assembly constituency, Choudhary belongs to the Kushwaha community, the second-largest OBC group in Bihar after the Yadavs. With the BJP aiming to consolidate non-Yadav OBC votes, Choudhary's elevation to the CM post could prove to be the party's masterstroke.

Agriculture Minister and BJP leader Ram Kripal Yadav said NDA leaders would decide the successor of Nitish soon.

Short circuit due to EV charging sparks Indore house blaze, 8 of a family killed

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

EIGHT members of a business family were reportedly charred to death in a massive blaze at their triple-storey house in Madhya Pradesh's Indore early Wednesday. The inferno was caused primarily due to an electric short circuit during the charging of an electric vehicle outside the house in the Brijeshwari Enclave Colony area between 3.30 am and 4 am and fuelled further due to an explosion in multiple LPG gas cylinders kept in the house.

While the official death toll is seven, reports from Indore put the toll at eight, which included a 12-year-old girl and two other women. The deceased, who hailed from the Pugalia business family, and also included their close relatives, are aged between 12 and 65.

According to Indore Police Commissioner Santosh Singh, the fire was reported at around 4 am, after which the fire tenders and morning police patrols were rushed to the spot.

"While three persons were rescued from the house, six bodies were retrieved. The presence of multiple LPG gas cylinders in the house possibly caused the blaze to spread fast. The multi-storeyed house had an electronic lock system, which got jammed following the break of electricity supply after the EV charging triggered a short circuit. Owing to the fact that the rescue teams had difficulty in breaking the locks on various floors, which caused delay. Even some of our firefighters and police personnel have sustained minor injuries, particularly suffocation-related issues," Singh said.

Another police officer added that the toll could rise. The rescue personnel heard multiple explosions in the house, which were due to 10 LPG gas cylinders stored in the house. While some neighbours claimed that the cylinders could have been there due to some function in the family, the officer said the primary probe hasn't revealed the possibility of any such function.

Doc in dock after 15 women died during sterilisation drive

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

IN the 2014 Bilaspur sterilisation tragedy, the court of Additional District Judge (ADJ) Shailesh Kumar held surgeon Dr RK Gupta guilty of culpable homicide.

Twelve years after the horrific incident that shook the nation, the court sentenced the doctor to two years' imprisonment and imposed a fine of ₹25,000.

While Dr Gupta was convicted, five other accused were acquitted by the court due to a lack of sufficient evidence.

The court observed that the primary cause of the tragedy was gross negligence and the performance of an excessive number of surgeries in a dangerously short span of time. Along with the main sentence, the court also awarded 6 months of imprisonment and a ₹500 fine under Section 337 (causing hurt by act endangering life).

The tragedy unfolded in November 2014 during government-organised mass sterilisation camps held at Nemichand Jain Hospital (Sakri), Pendari, and Pendra in Bilaspur district. Driven by the state targets, a massive number of surgeries were conducted. Shortly after the procedures, the health of many women began to deteriorate.

Over 100 women were rushed to CIMS (Chhattisgarh Institute of Medical Sciences), the district hospital, and various private facilities in critical conditions. Despite medical intervention, 15 women lost their lives, sparking outrage and highlighting the grim reality of target-driven population control measures.

AHMEDABAD DIARY

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Our correspondent in Gujarat
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Rahul targets tribal belt ahead of local body polls

Gujarat's political temperature is set to spike as local body polls loom, with the State Election Commission likely to roll out the schedule days after the Assembly session ends on March 25. PM Narendra Modi is expected to touch down in his home state, even as Congress leader Rahul Gandhi locks in a March 23 Vadodara visit, signalling a direct, high-stakes face-off. Rahul's outreach to the tribal belt stretching across Chhota Udepur, Dahod, Panchmahal and Narmada underscores Congress' recalibrated strategy ahead of 2027. With AAP's growing tribal footprint and BJP's entrenched dominance, Gujarat's civic polls are shaping into a fierce three-cornered battle.

Gujarat Rajmata Bill tabled in Assembly

The state politics turn sharply symbolic as Congress fires a direct salvo at the ruling BJP inside the Assembly. GPCC chief Amit Chavda tabled the Gujarat Rajmata Bill, 2025, seeking to grant 'Rajmata' status to cows, escalating the cow protection narrative into a legislative test of intent. The bill proposes district-level officers to monitor cattle welfare and a ₹100 crore annual budget to safeguard abandoned and infirm cows. Chavda's move corners the BJP on its core plank, daring it to match rhetoric with action. Backed by religious endorsements, Congress now forces a political litmus test: will the BJP walk its cow protection talk?

Threat sparks political firestorm in House

A bomb threat jolted the Assembly, but the real blast came from sharp, unsparing political barbs inside the House. BJP's Jitu Vaghani took a swipe at Amit Chavda's black attire, triggering a volley of jibes. Chavda hit back, accusing ministers of "walking out instead of showing courage." Arjun Modhwadia added sarcasm, praising Chavda's protest style, while Gopal Italia jumped in with pointed digs. BJP MLAs retaliated instantly, turning the exchange into a full-blown verbal clash. Even as Speaker Shankar Chaudhary appealed for calm, the House echoed less with fear of the threat and more with the sound of political one-upmanship.

Fortis HOSPITAL
Cunningham Road, Bengaluru

Notice: DISPOSAL OF HOSPITAL MEDICAL RECORDS

In patient Medical Records From IP NO. **62091** to **67126** & MRD No **01** to **3650** for the period of Jan **2019** to Dec **2019** (Death & MLC files of January **2015** to December 2015 also) will be destroyed. Whosoever interested can contact the Medical Records Department to collect their records within one month from the date of this notification.

Note: Not applicable for Medico Legal Case, Death, Birth & Paediatric Medical Records

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that my client Smt.S.N Lakshmi W/o Sri. V Kishor Kumar residing at No.14, 1st cross, 24th Main, Puttenahalli, J.P. Nagar 7th Phase, Bangalore South-560078, has entered into the Registered sale agreement on dated; 12/03/2026, at office of the sub-registrar kanakapura, the Registered Document No. KNK-1-18957/2025-26 of Pages 1-10, Book-1 to purchase the Agricultural Land bearing Sy. No. 57/5, measuring 0.35 Guntas situated at Gerahalli Village, Sathanur Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Bangalore South District-562 126 and bounded as follows: East by: Road, West by: Sy. Hissa No. 57/2 Land, North by: Sy. Hissa No.57/6 Land, South by: Sy. No. 59 Land and Sy. Hissa No.57/4 Land, from the sole and absolute owners of Sri. Abhijith Y.N S/o Late Nagaraju Y.K and Smt. Pooja. S W/o Sri. Abhijith Y.N both are residing at Yelavalli village, Sathanur Hobli, Kanakapura Taluk, Bangalore South District-562 126

Any other person claiming any right, title or interest in the said property or claiming any charge over the said property is hereby called upon to submit his/her claim along with supporting documents to the undersigned within **Fifteen (15) days** of the publication of this notice, failing which it is construed that there are no claims on the schedule property and further claims will not be considered.

If no claim is so received, my client will proceed to complete the sale on the understanding that the vendor is the sole and absolute owners of the said property and the said property is free from any encumbrance or any rival claim.

Shashi Kumar B.H., Advocate,
No.2093, Ground floor, 2nd Cross,
7th Main, Kumaraswamy Layout
2nd stage, Bangalore-560 078,
Mob:-98454 47732/90364 54346,
Phone-080-26666358.
E-mail:-shashisuma_2004@yahoo.co.in

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to the information of the General Public that my client **Smt. BABY SHAMILI. B.A**, W/o Yashavanth.B.S, R/a No.8, 2nd Floor, 1st Main, Vittalnagar, Kumaraswamy Layout, Bangalore South-560061, has entered into an agreement of sale to purchase of Schedule property from its owners, **a). RAJAMMA,** W/o late Venkatesh, **b) ALAMELU.V,** D/o late Venkatesh, **c) V. MANGALA,** D/o late Venkatesh, **d) HARISH. V,** S/o late Venkatesh, **e) SOMESH,** S/o late Venkatesh, **f) SOMASHEKAR.V,** S/o late Venkatesh, **g) JAGADEESH.V,** S/o late Venkatesh, **h) SUGANYA,** W/o late Ramesh, Daughter in-law of late Venkatesh & Rajamma, **i) Kumari: ARCHANA,** D/o Late Ramesh & Suganya, Grand Daughter of late Venkatesh & Rajamma, all are R/a No.118, 4th Cross, Jai Bheem Nagar, Mysore Road, Bangalore-560018. If anybody having any right, share, claim or objection to the proposed purchase may file their objections in writing along with copies of supporting documents, within **7 days** from the date of this publication to the purchaser's advocate at below mentioned address, failing which my clients will be advised to go ahead and complete the formalities for registration of the sale deed in respect of the Schedule Property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Vacant **Site bearing No.3909,** Property New **E.P.I.D No.8973230997,** situated in **12TH MAIN, KUMARASWAMY LAYOUT 2ND STAGE,** presently the Schedule Property comes under the jurisdiction of Bangalore Pachima Nagara Palike/B.W.C.C and assigned with Property No.3909 and Ward No.181 of Kumaraswamy Layout and bounded on the:

East by : Site No.3904,
West by : Road,
North By : Site No.3910,
South by : Site No.3908.
IN ALL MEASURING:
East to West : 30 FEET OR 9.14 Meters North to South : 20 FEET OR 6.1 Meters in all measuring : 600 SQUARE FEET OR 55.74 Square Meters,

R.R.Upadhya, Advocate
RAVISHANKAR ASSOCIATES,
#92, 2nd Main Road, Between 7th & 8th Cross, Chamrajpet, Bangalore -18 Mob: 9241102941

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given to general Public, on behalf of my client, **M/S RIYOM INFRAA PRIVATE LIMITED.,** A Company registered under the Companies Act and having its registered office at No.407, 8th B Main, Jayanagar, 4th Block, Bangalore – 560 011., represented by its Director, SRI. T.S.SANKEERTH, that my client has entered into an Agreement of Sale with SRI. ARUNA KUMAR.N, aged about 50 years, S/o Late. Nagaraj.V, residing at No.303, 2nd Floor, SIRI SKY WOOD, 52nd Cross, BSK 2nd Stage, Uttarahalli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore District - 560 061, on 18.03.2026, with respect to the residential Site bearing property No.29/69/49/6 (previously bearing Kaneshumari No.6, in Sarakki group V.P. Khata No.69 and Sy. No.49, Assessment No.49, thereafter bearing BBMP No.49/6), situated at Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 180 Feet and North to South 90 feet, in all admeasuring 16,200 Square feet and presently falling within the administrative jurisdiction of Ward No.196 – Anjanapura, Bangalore South City Corporation and assigned EPID No.3386845509, morefully described in the Schedule hereunder and hereinafter called as Schedule Property.

Therefore, any person(s) having any claim in respect of the Schedule Property or part thereof by way of sale, exchange, mortgage, charge, gift, Rent, Lease, Maintenance, inheritance, possession, lien, hypothecation, transfer of title, beneficial interest under any Trust right of prescription or Pre-emption or under any Agreement or other disposition or under any Decree, order or Award otherwise claiming howsoever are hereby requested to make the same known in writing together with the supporting documents to the undersigned at his office at No.8, PRABHAT COMPLEX, Office No.316, I Floor, K G Road, Bangalore – 560 009, within a period of 07 days (both days inclusive) of the Publication hereof failing which the claim of such person(s) will deemed to have been waived and/or abandoned.

SCHEDULE

All that Piece and Parcel residential Site bearing property No.29/69/49/6 (previously bearing Kaneshumari No.6, in Sarakki group V.P. Khata No.69 and Sy. No.49, Assessment No.49, thereafter bearing BBMP No.49/6), situated at Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South taluk, Bangalore, measuring East to West 180 Feet and North to South 90 feet, in all admeasuring 16,200 Square feet and presently falling within the administrative jurisdiction of Ward No.196-Anjanapura, Bangalore South City Corporation and assigned EPID No. 3386845509 and is bounded on the:

East by : Drain and Sy. No.49 Property;
West by : Road and BDA Layout;
North by : Road and Annayyappa's Property and
South by : Road and Sampathkumar's Property.

T. YUGANDHAR, Advocate & Consultant
No.8, PRABHAT COMPLEX, I Floor, Office No.316, K G Road, Bangalore-560 009.
Mob: 9980158053,
Email: yugan_vaid@rediffmail.com
Date:18-03-2026

BEFORE THE HON'BLE 1ST ADDITIONAL DISTRICT JUDGE AT THIRUVALLUR
C.M.P.No.1 of 2024
In
A.S. No. 13 of 2023

Mr.R.M.Gunasekaran & another ...Petitioners/Appellants
-Vs-
Mrs.Sivagami & others ...Respondents/ Respondents

To,
Smt.C.Lakshmi D/o.Chinnappa, No.20, J.S.Nagar, Mahalakshmipuram Post, Bangalore-96, State of Karnataka.
... 6th Respondent/6th Respondent

Please take notice in the above C.M.P.A. No.1 of 2024 in A.S No.13 of 2023 filed before this Hon'ble Court for an application to receive additional documents. And the same was came up for hearing on 17.02.2026 and her Honour pleased order notice to you returnable by 30.03.2026 and be present on the said date at the above said court at 10.30.a.m.either by person or through your pleader without fail, failing which the matter will be decided Ex Parte in your absence.

B.SUNDARA PANDIYAN
Counsel for Petitioner/Appellant

PUBLIC NOTICE

PURCHASE

Notice is hereby given to the Public on behalf of my clients Sri. Ishwaragouda Patil and Smt. Anitha, that the Residential Property bearing **Site No.07, Municipal No.7/139/2B, Old Khatha No.690, E-PID No.7396421880,** situated at 10th Cross, Near Rajagopalnagar, Ganapathi Nagar, Bengaluru-58, carved out of Sy.No.139/2B situated at Laggere Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West: 50 feet and North to South: 80 feet, along with building thereon, my above clients decided to purchase the schedule property. The Owner (Sri.S.Puneeth) has offered to sell the Schedule property.

Therefore, any person, who has/have claim on the schedule property or part thereof by way of Sale, Transfer of Title under any Agreement or other Disposition or any Decree, Order or Awarder other claiming, howsoever, are hereby requested to make the same known in writing together with supporting documents to the undersigned at my office, within 7 days from the date of this notice. If no such claim(s) or an objection is/are received within the stipulated time, the undersigned will issue certificate of clearance that, there is/are no objection(s) or claim(s) on the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Residential Property bearing **Site No.07, Municipal No.7/139/2B, Old Khatha No.690, E-PID No.7396421880,** situated at 10th Cross, Near Rajagopalnagar, Ganapathi Nagar, Bengaluru-58, carved out of Sy.No.139/2B situated at Laggere Village, Yeshwanthpur Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, measuring East to West: 50 feet and North to South: 80 feet, along with building thereon and bounded by;

East by : Site No.06, West by : Site No.08, North by : 25-0 Feet Road, South by : Others Property

GOWRI PRADEEP, Advocate
69, Shree Nilaya, 8th Main, S.K.Layout, Jnana Jyothi Nagar, Bangalore-560056.
Ph. No. 9886814698, 8147294698
Place: Bengaluru Date: 18.03.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the public at large that our client is intending to enter into a development arrangement in respect of Non-agricultural Residential Purpose converted lands totally measuring **3 Acre 5 Guntas situated at Lakkondanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District** which is morefully set out in the schedule hereto and hereinafter referred to as, presently owned by: (1) Mr. Venkateshpathi M, S/o Late Mariyappa; and (2) Dr. Mahendra, S/o Mr. Madesh S.

Any person/s asserting any right, title, interest or claim over the Schedule Property or any of portions comprising thereof, in any manner whatsoever, should write to the undersigned advocate within **fifteen (15) days** from the date of issuance of this notice together with documentary proof such right, title, interest or claim, failing which our Client shall consider that there are no claims of whatsoever nature over the Schedule Property or any part thereof.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of **Non-agricultural Residential Purpose converted lands totally measuring 3 Acre 5 Guntas situated at Lakkondanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Hoskote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District carved out of three Survey Numbers,** as stated below:

(I) Survey No. 73/5 measuring 2 Acre 27 Guntas (converted vide O.M No. 762886, dated 04.06.2025) and bounded by:- **East by** : L.N Suma's Property Survey No. 73/13 & 73/14, **West by** : Road, **North by** : Property bearing Sy No. 73/4 and L.N Suma's Property Survey No. 73/4 & 72, **South By** : Survey No. 74 & 75.

(ii) Survey No. 72/1 measuring 9 Gunta (converted vide O.M No. 762889, dated 04.06.2025), and bounded by:- **East by** : Survey No.72/2, **West by** : Kempanna's Anjinappa Property Survey No. 74 & Survey No. 73/5, **North by** : Melukote Byranna's Property Survey No. 71, **South By** : Survey No. 73/5.

(iii) Survey No. 72/2 measuring 9 Guntas (converted vide O.M No. 762879, dated 04.06.2025) and bounded by:-**East by** : Krishnappa's Property Survey No. 72/3, 72/10, 72/11, 72/8 &72/9, **West by** : Survey No. 72/1, **North by** : Melukote Byranna's Property Survey No. 7, **South By** : Survey No. 73/5.

PRAVEEN KAMATH, Advocate
Off: No. 151, 1st Main Road, MLA Layout,
RT Nagar, Bengaluru -560 032
Mob: +91 7795455621
Email:advocatekamath@gmail.com
Place : Bangalore, Date : 18-03-2026

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, AT BENGALURU,
B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560 001
O.A. No. 530/2022

Between
Canara Bank ...Applicant
And
M/s Million Selection And Other ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(Viii) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

1. M/s. Millon's Selection,
Represented by its Proprietor
Sri.Ramesh B Jain, S/o. Sri. Babulal,
Aged about 47 years,
Having place of business at No. 70, D.K. Lane, Ambika Cloth Market, Chickpet Cross, Bangalore - 560053,
PAN: AKRPB5302P
Phone No. 9448437271
And also at No. 130, Huriyopet, 2nd Floor, BVK Iyengar Road Cross, Bangalore-560053
2. Sri. Babulal G Jain,
S/o. Sri. Changaraj Vasazee,
Aged about 68 years,
Residing at No. 130, Huriyopet, 2nd Floor, BVK Iyengar Road Cross, Bangalore - 560 053
3. Sri. Bhawarlal jain
S/o khushal chand
Aged about 65 years,
Residing at no 7 19th cross killari Road Bangalore - 560053

WHEREAS, this Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against the defendant(s) you for recovery of a sum totally of **Rs 40,18,052.16/- (Rupees Forty lakh eighteen thousand fifty two and sixteen paisa)** plus future Rate of interest **12.20%** and penal interest together with interest unapplied interest.

The above the mentioned Defendant(S) is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate duly authorized agent, in support of his/their defense to show cause within **30** days from the date of publication or on **16.04.2026** at **10:30 a.m.** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted

Take notice that, In case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **10th day of Feb 2026.**

Sd/-
Registar
Debts Recovery Tribunal - II
Bengaluru

Sunanda S Rathod
Advocate for applicant KAR1182/2002

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my client has agreed to purchase the schedule property from its owner namely, Sri. Ravishankar M S/o Late M. Muniswamy and Smt. Rashmi M W/o Sri. Ravishankar M, residing at No. 23, Anugraha, 33rd Main, 5th B Block, Bhavani, HBCS Layout, Banagirinagar 3rd Stage, Banashankari Bengaluru - 560 085.

Apart from the said owner if any, other person/s have any manner of right, title or interest or claim - or charge are lien over the schedule property, or otherwise, have any lawful objection/s for the sale of the schedule property by the aforesaid owner, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in righting along with photo copies of the documents on which they rely, with the undersigned within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No. 68, Old No. 447, BBMP PID No. 58-95-68, EPID No. 4923821417, BBMP Ward No. 179, Shakambarinagar Ward, situated at 44th Cross Road, 8th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 50 feet, in all measuring 1500 square feet, along with residential building measuring 7500 square feet, constructed thereon and bounded on:- **East by :** Site No. 448, **West by :** Site No. 446, **North by :** 44th Cross Road, **South by :** Site No. 480.

Sri. B. Dinesh, Advocate
No.16, Second Floor, Padmavathi Arcade,
1st Main Road, N.R. Colony,
Bangalore-560 019.
Mob : 9448505446 & 8904420395
Place : Bangalore Date : 18-03-2026

BEFORE THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - II, AT BENGALURU,
B.S.N.L. Building, 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560 001
O.A. No. 363/2022

Between
Canara Bank ...Applicant
And
Sri Prakash Kp And Another ...Defendants

SUMMONS ISSUED UNDER RULE 23(VIII) OF THE DEBT RECOVERY TRIBUNAL PROCEDURE) RULES 1993

1.Sri Praksh K.p
S/o.Parameshwarappa H
Aged About 60 years,
No. 316, 5th main, 2nd Block,
3rd Stage, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengalore - 560079.
PAN: AIKPP3188J
2.Smt. Latha Prakash W/o.prakash K.P
Aged About 52 Years,
No, 316, 5th Main, 2nd block,3rd Stage, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560079.

WHEREAS, this Applicant has instituted an application under section 19 of the Recovery of Debts and Bankruptcy Act, 1993, against the defendant(s) you for recovery of a sum totally of **Rs.1,43,30,493.52 (Rupees One Crore Forty Three Lakhs Thirty Thousand Four hundred ninety Three and fifty two Paisa Only)** plus future Rate of interest **12.20% and 2%** penal interest.

The above the mentioned Defendant(S) is/are therefore hereby directed to appear before this Tribunal in person or through an Advocate duly authorized agent, in support of his/their defence to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication or on **30/04/2026** at **10.30 a.m** as to why reliefs prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that, In case of default the application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this **10th day of March 2026.**

Sd/-
Registar
Debts Recovery Tribunal - II
Bengaluru

Sunanda S Rathod
Advocate for applicant KAR1182/2002

IN THE COURT OF THE 1ST ADDITIONAL DISTRICT & SESSIONS JUDGE, BENGALURU RURAL DISTRICT AT BENGALURU

Exe Case No.93/2025
In:Misc No. 110/2019

BETWEEN:
Karnataka State Finance Corporation,
Bengaluru Rural Branch,
No. 1026/29, 1 & 2nd Floors,
Dr. Rajakumar Road, 1" Main Road,
4th Block, Rajaji Nagar,
Bengaluru-560010. **Decree holder.**
Represented by Sri.B.N. Subba Reddy, Deputy General Manager

AND:
1. M/s.Hanuman Condiments,
Represented by its Proprietrix:
Smt. Nandini N.Acharya,
No.87, 1st Main Road, Rajeshwarinagar,
Lakshmipura Main Road,
Madanayakanahalli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru-562 162.
2. Smt. Nandini N. Acharya,
W/o.R.E. Lokesh,
Aged about 38 years,
No.87, 1st Main Road, Rajeshwarinagar,
Lakshmipura Main Road,
Madanayakanahalli, Bengaluru North Taluk,
Bengaluru-562 162
3.Sri.R.E. Lokesh, S/o. Eshwarachar,
aged about 51 years
No.87, 1st Main Road, Rajeshwarinagar,
Lakshmipura Main Road,
Madanayakanahalli, Bengaluru North Taluk,
Bengaluru-562 162.
Judgement Debtors

NOTICES TO JUDGMENT DEBTORS No.1 to 3 UNDER ORDER V, RULE 20(1-A) OF THE CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE, 1908.

Whereas the above named Decree holder Corporation has filed the above execution case against the Judgment debtors for recovery of loan over dues from the Judgment debtors to the tune of **Rs.64,57,411-00** (Rupees Sixty Four Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Four Hundred and Eleven Only) as on 26-06-2025 and for attach and sale of moveable and immovable properties standing in the names of the Judgment debtors including other prayers to recover the above loan over dues. Notices issued from this Court to the Judgment debtors are returned unserved. But, the appearance of the Judgment debtors before this Court is necessary for just decision of the case.

You are hereby summoned to appear before this Court on **04-06-2026 at 11.00 am** in person or through your Advocates/Pleader to answer the questions. Failing which the matter will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court on this this **10th March 2026** at Bengaluru. **Sd/-**

By Order of the Court
Chief Administrative
District & Sessions Judge, Bangalore Rural, Bangalore-560009.

Advocate for Decree holder
Dr. T. Somashekar,
Prajwal Law Associates,
Advocates & Legal Consultants,
No.04, 2nd Main, 3rd Cross,
Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-560 009
Mobile No.9008345412

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my client **Sri. Lokesh.S and others i.e.,** petitioners says that, Wife of the petitioner No.1 and Mother of the Petitioner No.2 to 4, namely **Smt. Sunandamma W/o Subbanna, died on 27.03.1995** at their residence in Prasannahalli Village, Devanahalli Town, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District. If any dispute regarding the same can appear before the HON'BLE PRL CIVIL JUDGE AND J.M.F.C COURT AT DEVANAHALLI on **date of hearing on 04.04.2026 in C.Mis.No.430/2025.**

By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
M. Mahesh Das, Advocate

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **JAYALAKSHMI VENKATESH,** W/o Mr. S.R. Venkatesh, age 48 years, R/at No. 65m, 6th Cross, 8th Main, Near ISRO Layout Bus Stand, Bikasipura ISRO Layout, Bangalore-560061 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **JAYALAKSHMI SHORAFF** (old name) to **JAYALAKSHMI VENKATESH** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **JAYALAKSHMI VENKATESH** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18th March 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PRAKASHA C** at Bangalore.

IN THE COURT OF THE XXXI ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE AT BENGALURU (CCH-31)

O.S. No. 1732/2025

Between:
M/s. ICICI Bank Limited. having its registered office at: Landmark, Race-Course Circle, Vadodara-390007, and branch office at: 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanahalli, Hosur Main Road, Bengaluru-560068, Through its Authorised Representative Mr. Harish E. ...Plaintiff
And
Mr. G. Ranjith Kumar, ...Defendant

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT BY WAYOF PAPER PUBLICATION UNDER ORDER V RULE 20 OF CPC

Defendant:
Mr. G. Ranjith Kumar,
S/o. Mattaiah Gopagani,
Aged About 34 Years, EMP ID 46107198, Working at Capgemini Technology Services India Limited, No.155-156, EPIP Zone, Whitefield Road Phase-2, Brookfield, Near Bus Stop, Bangalore-560066.

Whereas the plaintiff above named has instituted the above suit for recovery of money for sum of Rs. 7,62,259.97/- along with interest at the rate of 24% P.A. against you, and you are summoned to appear before the XXXI Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bengaluru (C.C.H.-31), in person or by a pleader, on the day of 05/06/2026, at 11:00 AM to answer the claim, failing to which the suit would be disposed of Ex-Parte.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this the 11th day of March, 2025 at Bangalore.

By order of the Court
Senior Sheristedar
Hon'ble City Civil Court, Bengaluru

Advocate for Plaintiff
B.S. Jeevan Kumar
Vidhii Partners, Advocates
No. 701, Queens
Corner 'A', 3, Queens Road,
Bengaluru- 01.

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER-I/II DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 2)
Government of India Ministry of Finance Department of Financial ServicesDebt Recovery Tribunal-II Karnataka (Bengaluru) 4th Floor, Telephone House, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru-560001.

DEMAND NOTICE FORM NO.14
[See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/350/2024 IN OA NO. 638/2020
IDBI BANK LIMITED
Versus
SRI. GOPAL VADREWU AND OTHERS

In the Matter of
(CH) IDBI Bank Limited
Retail Recovery Branch, No.58, IDBI House, Mission Road, Bangalore-560027 Karnataka
. **Certificate Holder**

VS
(CD 1) Sri Gopal Vadrewu
S/o.panduranga Rao Vadrewu
No. A 306, Purva Venezia
Sandeep Unnikrishnan Road
Bangalore-560064. Karnataka
Also At:
Sri Gopal Vadrewu S/o.Panduranga Rao Vadrewu, Flat No.1018, Ground Floor, Roshan Gardenia Apartment, Property No.1373, Uttarahalli Village, Sy.no.95/2/3/ Bangalore-560064
Also At:
Sri.Gopal Vadrewu S/o.panduranga Rao Vadrewu, Sai. Orthopedic Clinic, No.1263, 3rd Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore-560064.
(CD 2) Smt.Umadevi Vadrewu
W/o. Sri Gopal Vadrewu No. A-306 Purva Venezia Sandeep Unikrishnan Road Bangalore-560064. Karnataka
Also At:
Smt.Umadevi Vadrewu
W/o. Sri Gopal Vadrewu Flat No.1018, Ground Floor, Roshan Gardenia Apartment, Property No.1373, Uttarahalli Village, Sy.no.95/2/3/bangalore-560061
(CD 3) Ramu
Prop: M/s Roshan Enterprises
Flat. No. 001 Roshan Palace Apartment ,R/at. 91/A 1st Cross, Kathriguppe, Banashankari 3rd, Bangalore-560085.
....Certificate Debtors

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, **Debts Recovery Tribunal Bangalore (DRT 2) in OA/638/2020** an amount of **Rs 66,45,645**(Rupees Sixty Six Lakhs Forty Five Thousands Six Hundread Forty Five Only) along with pendentellite and future interest @10.55% Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. **04.06.2020** till realization in full and costs of **Rs114005/-**(Rupees One Lakh Fourteen Thousands Five Only) has become due from certificate Debtors

2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under.

3. Your are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing.

4. You are ordered to appear before the undersigned on **19.12.2024 at 10.30 a.m.** for further proceedings

5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:

(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate / execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this date: **24.07.2024**

Recovery Officer
Debts Recovery Tribunal, Bangalore (DRT 2)

PUBLIC NOTICE

(LOSS OF SALE DEED)

The General Public hereby notice that our client **Mr.Sandeshakumar S. Shetty** S/o Sathya narayana Shetty, residing at No.11, Devaki Nilaya, Thippenahalli, Bangalore North, Our client is the absolute owner of the Western portion of Property bearing Site No.16, Assessment no.49/2, Katha No.76, Situated at Dodda bidarakallu village, Yashwanthpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, our client has informed that, while travelling from Majestic Bus stop to Yashwanthapura, he has lost the Original registered Sale Deed bearing Document No.1169/205-16, Book-1, registered in the office of Sub-registrar Peenya. Bangalore, after his best effort to search he could not trace out the same, in this regard our client has lodged a complaint intimating the loss of Original of registered Sale Deed, vide Lost Report No.2115895/2026 dated 18.03.2026 to the Crime Branch, Bengaluru City Police and it is requested to the General Public that if it is found they may hand over to the address given below with in 7days from the date of publication, it is made clear that if the above mentioned Original of registered Sale Deed is used for any wrongful and illegal purpose, our client would not be liable for the same.

Place : Bangalore, **Date :** 18.03.2026
S A Law Associates
No.29/1, Old No.54, G.Floor, Nanjappa Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru -560027

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that my clients **1) Mr.DINESH,** S/o.Devaram, **2) Mr.OMPRAKASH,** S/o.Devaram, intend to purchase House Property bearing No.29, formed in Sy.Nos.48 & 80 of Nagarbhavi Village, Yeshwanthpura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, present Municipal No.29, 1st Cross, Maruthi Nagar, Chandra Layout, Bengaluru – 72, together with existing building of 950 Square feet in Ground Floor and 1600 in the upper floors with Vitrified flooring with all amenities and bounded on the: East By : Sy.No.30, West By : Sy.No.28, North By : Sy.No.10, South By : Road from **Mr.THIRUMALAPPA, S/o.Late.Adiyappa.** Any person/s asserting any kind of right, title, interest or claims of any sort towards the Sale transaction may file their objections or claims with documentary proof thereof with the undersigned within **(7) Seven** days from the date of this publication, failing which my clients will proceed to complete the transaction without being liable for any claims put forth thereof.

RAJAGOPALA NAIDU
Prashant N Raj, Advocates,
No.4, 'Krishnaraja' 4th Floor, 50 Feet Road, Hanumanthanagar, Bengaluru - 560 019.
Bengaluru, Date: 17/03/2026

कार्यालय नगर विकास न्यास, अलवर (राज.)

क्रमांक :- लेखा/2025/13676 - 85 दिनांक :- 11/03/2026

NOTICE INVITING NIT – 44/2025-26

Construction of road side water harvesting, divider, patch work, paver finisher work, plantion and other construction work ,Alwar. 16/03/2026 to 06/04/2026 3.00 PM. Technical bid open 07-04-2026 4.00 PM. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal **(http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in, http://sppp.raj.nic.in)** of the state and **www.uitalwar.in**. The approximate Value of the procurement is Rs. 781.82 lakhs.

UBN No. : UAL2526WSOB00428 To UAL2526WSOB00447

Raj.Samwad/C/25/22782
Executive Engineer
UIT Alwar

Executive Engineer
Public Works Department
No.1 Building Division, S.J.P. Campus, Bengaluru. Ph: 080-22255210

No. EE/Bld.1/AE- LH,1,4/2025-26/85 Date: 13.03.2026

INVITATION FOR TENDER (IFT)

The above Department invites Tenders through e-procurement portal of GoK **(http://kppp.karnataka.gov.in)** from eligible Tenderers for providing painting, polishing, workstation tables, chairs, window blinds, almirahs, storage units, renovation of toilets, housekeeping, annual maintenance of sanitary, water supply, carpentary, providing modular kitchen, kitchen cabinets, granite counter top, wardrobes, shoe racks and other development works, **total of 04 works** at various notified places in Bengaluru. Approx. value of work: **Min. Rs. 4.83 lakhs, Max. Rs. 43.14 lakhs.** EMD: **Min. Rs. 6,100/-, Max. Rs. 86,300/-.** Cost of Document: As in e-portal. Period of Completion for each work: **from 2 Months to 10 Months (including rainy season).** Last date for downloading Tender through e-procurement portal and submission through online: **23.03.2026 up to 4.00 PM.** Date of opening the Tender: as per e-procurement guidelines. Further information, brief details of the works, approx. amount, EMD, Reservation, etc. can be obtained from the above office or from e-procurement portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

DIPR/DD-C.P/6336/KSMCA/2025-26 **Sd/- Executive Engineer**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client proposes to purchase the below mentioned Property from its owners **M/s. BATRA DEVELOPMENTS,** its Office at No. 1/5, Batra Chambers, Cunningham Crescent Road, Bangalore. Represented by its Partners Mr. Rakesh Batra and Mrs. Manju Batra who represented that they acquired the Schedule Property in terms of five Sale deeds all dated 20/11/1980 registered as Document Nos. 2951, 2953, 2954, 2956 and 2958/1989-90 in Book-I in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Shivajinagar, Bangalore. Person/s objecting for the proposed purchase or having any right in the Schedule Property may lodge their objections and/or claims with the undersigned along with supporting documentary evidence within **Ten days** from the date of this publication and objections and/or claims received thereafter will not bind my client and my client will proceed to purchase the below mentioned property as if there are no claimants/objections.

SCHEDULE

Commercial building in the Second Floor and Mezzanine Floor measuring 2510 Sq. Feet of super built up area in the building known as `BATRA CHAMBERS' together with two covered car parking spaces along with 40% undivided share and ownership in land area in property No. 1/3 (Old No.18) measuring 1320 Sq. Feet (out of 3300 Sq. Feet) and the commercial building in Second and Mezzanine Floor is presently bearing Municipal E-Khatha No. 1/5 of Cunningham Crescent Road, EPID No. 2524214946, Municipal Ward No.93 of Vasanth Nagar, Bangalore and the entire building is bounded by:

East : Cunningham Crescent Road ; West : Property No.18/1 ;
North : Property No.1/1 ; South : Cunningham Road.

Mr. K. P. RUPESH KUMAR, M/s.LAW CORP,
Advocates & Consultants, No.G3, Ground Floor,
Mohan Towers, No. 98/2-27, Residency Road,
Bangalore/K.G.F. (M) 9886761765
Bangalore, Dated : 19/03/2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General Public that, **M/s. Canara Bank,** Infantry Road Branch, Bengaluru have been reported lost the original Sale Deed dated 16.08.2012, registered as Document No. YAN-1-03512/2012-13, registered in the office of the sub registrar, Yelahanka, Bangalore pertaining to Flat bearing No. VF-1202 on the 12th Floor in BlockII, VIVALDI of the residential apartment known as "PURVA VENEZIA", belonging to Mr.Binay Kumar Chaudhary and Mrs. Shashi Chadhury and my client has lodged a Police Complaint on 14.03.2026 before the Crime Branch Bangalore City vide Lost Article Report No.2108763/2026. If any person/s who finds it is requested to return the same to me at below mentioned address. Using or attempting to use of the listed document for personal gain or fraudulent purpose is illegal.

K.P. JAYAKRISHNA KEDILAYA, Advocate
No.74, Samrudhi Ramajyothinagar,
Dubasipalya, R.V.C.E. Post, Mysore Road,
Bangalore-560 059. Cell: 9902039132

The Brihanmumbai Electric Supply & Transport Undertaking
(OF THE BRIHANMUMBAI MAHANAGARPALIKA)
BEST

TENDER NOTICE

E-tenders are re-invited for the supply of following item.

(1) 81513 - 11KV/415 V,2000 KVA & 2500 KVA dry type (AN) transformers, (2) 81514 - Biennial requirement of 1.1KV, 4C×300 Sq. mm. Aluminium Conductor XLPE Cable, (3) 81516 - Procurement of 315 AMPS. H.R.C. Fuses (Blade Contact) (L.F. No. 14761), (4) 81418 (Corrigendam),

Re – invited e-tenders

(5) 81293.

Note: For more details, log on to website **https://mahatenders.gov.in**

PRO/AAM(M)/133/2026 **GENERAL MANAGER**

EKLAVYA MODEL RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL, TAVAGA

(An autonomous organisation under the ministry of tribal affairs Government of India)
Near by- PHC Tavag, Tq- Gokak, Dist- Belagavi, Karnataka - 591101
e-mail: kreismdrs217@gmail.com

TENDER NOTICE

Sealed tender is invited from any reputed firms/ Suppliers/Manufacturers towards supply of **Grocery items/Mess Provisions & Bakery Items, Fresh Vegetables & Fruits, Fresh Chicken & Eggs, M&R Electrical items, Plumbing Items, Cloth Ironing, Hair Cutting, House Keeping items etc.** to our school **Eklavya Model Residential School Tavaga, Belagavi, Karnataka – 591101** for the session 2026-27. The tender form & other documents can be received from office of the principal or can be downloaded from the website **(www.emrstavaga.in)** with an non-refundable amount of Rs 250/- (Rupees Two Hundred Fifty only) in favor of **EMRS Tavaga, Paybale at SBI Branch, Gokak** and the duly filled **sealed document** (not Stapled) must reach to the office of the undersigned **by hand/by post during the office hours 09:00 AM to 04:00 PM on or before 10.04.2026.** The sealed document will be opened in presence of PASC in the **office of the Principal EMRS Tavaga at 10:00 AM on16.04.2026.** The PASC reserves the right to accept/reject the tender without assigning any reason.

Sd/- Principal
DIPR/Belgavi/2119/Deshpandepublicity/2025-26 **EMRS TAVAGA**

The Office of Executive Engineer, No.4, HLBC Division,
CNNL, Turuvekere. Tel. 08139-287353 E-Mail-eeturuvekerediv4@gmail.com

KPPP Portal Item rate Term Tender Notification No: 11/2025-26 Dated : 11.03.2026
'Two Tender Document System'

On behalf of the Managing Director CNNL, Banglore, Executive Engineer No.4, HLBC Division Turuvekere has invited Two cover ITEM RATE tender through KPPP portal from Contractors. Karnataka transparency act GO no FD9PCL2004 Dated 06-08-2005 and as per latest amendements, Registered in procurement cell Centre for e-governance Room no 141, 2nd gate M.S. Building, Bangalore-560001 KPWD any other Govt. organization and enrolled their name in CNNL.

Name of Work:-

1. Improvements to canal system for distributories D-2(Ch. 455m to 2910m) and D-3A (Ch. 0m to 250m) in selected reaches coming under Tumkur Branch Canal (Balance work) (CNNL/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT – 4070/CALL - 2) Amount put to tender : 237.62 lakhs, EMD Amount :3,57,000/-,

* Last date to submit tender online Dated: 12-03-2026 to 24-03-2026 (upto 5.30 PM)
* Last date for any queries relating to process of bid clarification Dated: 17-03-2026 (upto 5.00 PM) * Pre Bid Meeting Date : 18-03-2026, 11.00 AM, Venue : Chief Engineer Office Hemavathy canal zone Tumkur.
* Opening of Technical bid in E-Procurement on Dated: 25-03-2026 (after 5.30 PM), * Opening of Financial bid in E-Procurement on Dated: 26-03-2026 (after approval of technical bid). For any further details please contact https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/ and in office during working hours.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, No.4, HLBC Division,CNNL Turuvekere.

DIPR/TUM/495/KSMCA/2025-26

UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES, RAICHUR
[ICAR, NAAC accredited and UGC u/s 12(B) & 2(f) approved]
Stores Purchase Officer, UAS, Raichur - 584104,
E-mail: spo@uasraichur.edu.in Ph: 08532-220165

Short term E-Tender Notification No. SPO/UASR/E-Proc-17/2025-26, Dt: 18.03.2026.

TENDER NOTIFICATION

The University of Agricultural Sciences, Raichur is inviting e-tender notification for supply & Installation of scientific Equipments & other material The interested suppliers are requested to participate through online only. Thewebsite address iswww.kppp.karnataka.gov.in(Indent Number:-UASRCR/2025-26/IND0079-Call-III & IND0100 to IND0104)The last date for submission of filled in Tender Document is 25.03.2026.

Sd/- Stores Purchase Officer
DIP/RCR/773/KSMCA/776/2025-26 **UAS, Raichur.**

PHYSICAL POSSESSION NOTICE

ICICI Bank Branch Office: ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The Authorised ICICI Bank Officer under the Securitisation, Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the powers conferred under section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notices to the borrower(s) mentioned below, to repay the amount mentioned in the Notice within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said Notice.

Having failed to repay the amount, the Notice is issued to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described below, by exercising powers conferred on him/her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said rules on the below-mentioned dates. The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property. Any dealings with the property will be subject to charges of ICICI Bank Limited.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower(s)/ Loan Account Number	Description of Property/ Date of Physical Possession	Date of Demand Notice/ Amount in Demand Notice (Rs)	Name of Branch
1.	Katsu Coffee Private Limited, L Subbaraju & Rashmi N/ Represented By Director L Subbaraju, Rashmi N No 66 671 Magadi Main Road Chikkagolarahatti Bangalore- 560079/ '007805010527.	All That Piece of Parcel of Property Bearing No.11 & 12 Situated At 10th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore, (BBMP Pid No 6-11-11 and 6-11-12) Measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 34 Fent, in All Measuring 1020 Sq.ft and Bounded on The: East By Ist Main Roaci (Temple Road); West By House of Sri. N. Lakshmipathi Raju; North By 10th Cross Road; South By House No.20 Item No.2: "All That Piece of Parcel of Property Bearing New No. 20, Old No. 1773/2, (BHMP Pid No 6-19-20), Situated At 1st Main Road (Temple Road), Malleswaram, Bangalore in All Measuring East to West 30 Feet and North to South 16 Feet in All Measuring 480 Sq.ft, and Bounded on The: East By Ist Main Roaci (Temple Road); West By House of Sri. N. Lakshmipathi Raju; North By Chandrashekara Raju's Property, South By Private Property" Item No.3: "All That Piece of Parcel of Property Bearing Municipal No. 1382, Then 1774, And Corporation Site Old No 13. New No.29, (BBMP Pid No.6-11-13), Situated At 10th Cross Road, Malleswaram, Bar.galore Measuring East to West 9 Feet and North to South 50 Feet, in All Measuring 450 Sq.ft And Bounded on The East By Remaining Portion of Same Property Allotted to L.subbaraju; West By Remaining Portion of Sume Property Allotted to L. Rarmaraju; North By 10th Cross Road; & South By: Late Venkatachala Lyengar House All Now Bearing New Municipal No20 (pid No 6-19-20)./ Date of Physical Possession 16th March 2026.	February 11, 2025 Rs. 1,00,90,084.82/-	Bangalore

The above-mentioned borrowers(s)/guarantors(s) is/are hereby issued a 30 day Notice to repay the amount, else the mortgaged properties will be sold after 30 days from the date of publishing this Notice, as per the provisions under Rules 8 and 9 of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002.

Date: March 19, 2026
Place: Bangalore

Sincerely Authorised Officer,
For ICICI Bank Ltd.

$134 million
sought by Rwanda from UK in arbitration over scrapped refugee deal

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • LS: Light Snow • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	21	1	SNY	Los Angeles	20	12	SNY
Colombo	28	24	SNY	Melbourne	26	15	LC
Dhaka	31	19	SNY	Moscow	4	2	SNY
Dubai	26	21	SNY	New York	7	2	SNY
Houston	31	19	TDS	Singapore	28	25	TDS
Istanbul	33	21	SNY	Toronto	1	-5	SNY
London	13	9	SNY	Washington	3	-2	SNY

US intel undercuts Trump on Iran nuke rebuild

Tulsi Gabbard says Iran made no move to rebuild nuclear enrichment after 'Midnight Hammer'

US eases Venezuela oil sanctions to boost supply

WASHINGTON: The US has eased sanctions to allow American firms to do business with Venezuela's state oil company, PDVSA, aiming to boost global supply amid the Iran war. The move permits oil sales but routes payments through US-controlled accounts, keeping restrictions in place. A 60-day waiver of shipping rules was also announced to ease fuel costs. The decision follows oil price spikes after disruptions in the Strait of Hormuz. Officials say the policy will encourage investment and stabilise markets, though critics argue it rewards Venezuela's leadership despite ongoing economic crisis and human rights concerns, including inflation and falling production levels.

China won't aid US on Hormuz, sees advantage in delay

WASHINGTON: China is unlikely to help the US reopen the Strait of Hormuz despite President Donald Trump's request, as the Iran war strains Washington's resources. Analysts say Beijing may benefit as the US gets drawn deeper into the West Asia, diverting focus from Asia. Trump has delayed a planned visit to China, with both sides signalling talks will continue. Chinese officials have called for de-escalation while offering limited humanitarian aid to Iran. Experts say the conflict risks weakening US strategic positioning in Asia, as military assets shift and allies grow concerned over Washington's ability to balance global priorities and commitments in the Indo-Pacific region.

WASHINGTON

US intelligence concluded Wednesday that Iran was not rebuilding nuclear enrichment capacities that were destroyed in a June 2025 US-Israeli attack, contradicting President Donald Trump's justifications for his ongoing war.

Tulsi Gabbard, a Trump ally who is director of national intelligence, shared the conclusion in written testimony as part of an annual threat assessment but did not repeat the finding when speaking to senators. "As a result of Operation Midnight Hammer, Iran's nuclear enrichment programme was obliterated. There has been no efforts since then to try to rebuild their enrichment capability," Gabbard said in the testimony to the Senate intelligence committee.

Pressed by a Democratic senator on why she did not repeat the conclusion on camera, Gabbard said that she did not have enough time to read the full testimony at the hearing but did not deny the assessment. Trump has repeatedly said that he ordered the attack on Iran alongside Israel on February 28 due to an "imminent threat."

Trump said after the June 2025 bombing that the United States had completely destroyed Iran's nuclear sites but since his latest war has said that Tehran was weeks away from a nuclear bomb, a finding not shared by most observers and despite ongoing talks on a nuclear deal.

A senior aide to Gabbard -- who herself as a congresswoman had led opposition to war with Iran -- resigned on Tuesday, saying there was no "imminent threat" and that Trump was misled by Israel and media. In her remarks to senators, Gabbard said Iran had been suffering heavy blows in the weeks of attacks -- which included the killing of the longtime supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei -- but that the Islamic republic was still functioning. The US intelligence community "assesses the regime in Iran to be intact but largely degraded due to attacks on its leadership and military capabilities," Gabbard said.

"If a hostile regime survives, it will likely seek to begin a years-long effort to rebuild its military, missiles, and UAV forces," Gabbard said, referring to unmanned aerial vehicles, or drones. *AFP*

An explosion erupts from a building following an Israeli strike in central Beirut. Israel's defence minister said the military had destroyed two bridges spanning the Litani River in southern Lebanon, alleging they were being used by Hezbollah | AP

Israel kills Iran intel chief, okays hunt for officials

JERUSALEM: Israel killed Iran's intelligence minister Esmail Khatib and authorised strikes on any senior Iranian official, escalating its "decapitation" strategy. The killing follows recent strikes that eliminated key figures, including Ali Larijani. Iran condemned the attack as a "cowardly assassination" and launched retaliatory missiles at Israel. The war, triggered by US-Israeli strikes in February, has spread across the region, with rising casualties, mass displacement, and fresh attacks reported in Iran, Israel and Lebanon.

WAR WATCH

90 ships cross Hormuz as Iran keeps oil moving

HONG KONG

ABOUT 90 ships including oil tankers have crossed the Strait of Hormuz since the outset of the war with Iran and it is still exporting millions of barrels of oil at a time when the waterway has been effectively closed, according to maritime and trade data platforms. Many of the vessels that passed through the strait were so-called "dark" transits evading Western government sanctions and oversight that likely have ties to Iran, maritime data firm Lloyd's List Intelligence said.

More recently, vessels with ties to India and Pakistan have also successfully crossed the strait as governments stepped up negotiations.

As crude prices spiked above $100 a barrel, US President Donald Trump pressured allies and trade partners to send warships and reopen the strait, hoping to bring oil prices lower.

Most shipping traffic through the Strait of Hormuz, a waterway for global oil and gas transport that supplies roughly one-fifth of the world's crude oil, has been halted since early March, after the war started. About 20 vessels have been attacked in the area. However, Iran has still managed to export well above 16 million barrels of oil since the beginning of March, trade data and analytics platform Kpler estimated.

Due to Western sanctions and associated risks, China has been the biggest buyer of Iranian oil. There has been "continued resilience" in Iran's oil export volumes, said Kpler trade risk analyst Ana Subasic. Iran profited from oil sales while securing its export route. *AP*

Oil tankers and cargo ships line up in the Strait of Hormuz as seen from Khor Fakkan, United Arab Emirates | AP

Cuba slams Trump over 'do whatever he wants' remark

HAVANA

CUBAN President Miguel Díaz-Canel has lashed out after US President Donald Trump suggested he can do "whatever he wants" with the island and that the US could take "imminent action" against it.

Writing on the social platform X late Tuesday, Díaz-Canel said the Trump administration "publicly threatens" Cuba's government almost daily with overthrowing it, and any act of aggression "will clash with an impregnable resistance."

The comments come after the new threats by Trump and US Secretary of State Marco Rubio, who said the Cuban government's socialist economic model needs to "change dramatically."

While the Cuban government places heavy restrictions on the country's private sector, decades of US sanctions have crippled Cuba's economy.

The Trump administration is looking for Díaz-Canel to leave as the US continues negotiating with the Cuban government, according to a US official and a source with knowledge of talks between Washington and Havana.

They spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss sensitive talks.

No details have been offered about who the administration might like to see in power.

Trump's comments on Cuba come after his administration's military raid that captured then-President Nicolás Maduro in Venezuela, and the launch of US military strikes against Iran. The administration has effectively halted vital oil exports to Cuba, pushing the Caribbean nation to the brink. *AP*

IRAN WOMEN'S FOOTBALL TEAM RETURNS HOME AFTER ASYLUM ROW

Turkey: THE Iranian women's football team, whose plight has become embroiled in the West Asia war, returned back to Iran on Wednesday where they were promised a welcome ceremony in Tehran. Seven members of the delegation had sought asylum in Australia last week after their decision not to sing the national anthem before their opening game at the Women's Asian Cup. With their demands for protection an embarrassment for Iran's leaders, but lauded by US President Donald Trump, five later changed their minds, including captain Zahra Ghanbari. Activists have accused Iranian authorities of pressuring the women's families — including summoning parents for interrogations — but Tehran has in turn alleged that Australia sought to force the athletes to defect. Two members have remained in Australia, but the rest of the team completed a long journey back on Wednesday via Malaysia, Oman and then to Istanbul and Turkey's overland Gurbulak-Bazargan border crossing with Iran. AFP reporters saw them cross into Iran on a bus, wearing the national team tracksuits and with their hair covered. In a post on X, Iranian parliament speaker Mohammad Bagher Ghalibaf said the players and their support team were "children of the homeland, and the people of Iran embrace them". AFP

IN THE COURT OF THE 86th ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, (EXCLUSIVE COMMERCIAL COURT) CCH-86 AT BENGALURU
Com O.S. No : 37/2026

Between : CANARA BANK CV Raman Nagar Branch #186-187" Sampoorna Avenue", (Oppo CAIR), Kaggadasapura Main Road, C.V. Raman Nagar Post, Bangalore-560093. ...Plaintiff
And : M/S. Rainbow Trading Company Proprietor Mr. Phiroz.P.C.M ...Defendent

NOTICE TO THE RESPONDENT BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To : M/S. Rainbow Trading Company
Proprietor Mr.Phiroz.P.C.M No.69 K No.225/01, Survey No.118/1B, Opposite to Muneshwara Temple Road, Kaggadasapura Main Road, C.V. Raman Nagar, Bengaluru -560093.
Mobile No.9739154175.
Email: Phiroze123@gmail.com
Also @ Mr.Phiroz P.C.M No.734, CMH Road, Indira Nagar, Opposite of Andra Bank Bangalore-560038
Mobile No. 9739154175
Email: Phiroze123@gmail.com

WHEREAS, the Plaintiff in the above petition has filed for the recovery suit files U/S 26 AND ORDER 7, RULE 1 OF CPC., for Rs.13,97,146/-together with future interest thereon @ 10.25% p.a from 20/03/2025. You are hereby summoned to appear in person before this In the Court Of The 86th LXXXV Additional City Civil & Sessions Judge, (Exclusive Commercial Court)-CCH 86, At Bengaluru
Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day of **24/4/26,** the petition will be heard and determined in your absence.
Given under my hand and seal of this Hon'ble Court on 13/3/26

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Senior Sheristedar
Commercial Court Unit
City Civil Court Bangalore

Advocate for the Petitioner
Smt. Divya Pavithran, Advocate
Office : #123, 1st Floor, Brigade, Gardens, 19. Church Street, Bangalore-560001.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public hereby notified that my client **Mr. Anjan Kumar L.B.,** S/o. Balaji Babu L.A., aged about 37 years, residing at No. 1113/B, 1st 'H' Main, Behind Sundar Mahal, Girinagar 2nd Phase, Banashankari 3rd Stage, Bangalore – 560085 is the absolute owner and is in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the property mentioned in the Schedule hereunder. He has lost/misplaced the Original Sale Deed dated 18/11/2019 registered as Document No. DNH-1-07688-2019-20 in book No. 1, stored in CD No. DNHD904 on 18/11/2019 in the office of Sub-Registrar, Bangalore Rural (Devanahalli) pertaining to schedule property. In this connection, a complaint has also been lodged on 26/12/2020 at Girinagar Police Station which is registered in GSC No.: PO136820060657. I hereby call upon the General Public if anyone is in custody or possession of the same or otherwise found the above said document, kindly handover to undersigned immediately within 7 days and also I further bring into the notice of the general public that in case anyone dealing with the Schedule property on the basis of the above said original document, it shall not be binding on my client and the same will be an offence and they are liable to be punished under the Criminal and Civil law.

SCHEDULE

ALL that piece and parcel of the property bearing site No. 43 at "Panchajanya-Vijaypura' having Municipal Assessment No. 6374/43, Ward No. 1, Division – I, Vijayapura, Devanahalli Main Road, belonging to Sy.Nos. 3/1 & 3/2, situated at Kokkarepadiya village. Vijayapura Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, converted for non-agricultural purpose by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District vide order No. ALN.(devi).SR.28/2012-13 dated 18/05/2013 and order No. ALN.(devi).SR.23/2012-13 dated 25/02/2013 respectively and also approved by Bangalore International Airport Area Planning Authority vide order No. BIAAPA/TP2/LAO/38/2015-16 dated 05/09/2017, measuring East to West: 40 feet and North to South: 16 feet, totally 640 Sq.ft out of 727 Sq.ft and bounded on **East by :** Site No. 27; **West by :** Road, **North by :** Site No. 42, **South by :** Remaining portion of site No. 43 retained by vendors.

VIKAS NAGAIAH C, Advocate
No. 159, 1st Cross, 1st Block, BSK 3rd Stage, 3rd phase, Bangalore – 560 085. Mobile No. 9886478918

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public that my client is intending to purchase the schedule property belonging to M/s.Polycraft Exports Pvt. Ltd., A company Registered under the Companies Act 1956, having its registered Office at No:50, Bommasandra-Jigani Link Road, Bangalore – 560 105, represented by its Directors (i) Sri.Sitaram Jhunjhunwala, Son of Sri.Kashi Prasad Jhunjhunwala, Aged about 66 years and (ii) Smt.Kiran Jhunjhunwala, wife of Sri.Sitaram Jhunjhunwala, Aged about 61 years;

Any person, having any claim over the schedule property claiming through the predecessors in title or any other person, may lodge their objections or claims, in writing with all supporting documentary evidence by speed post with regard to such claim with the undersigned within 7 (seven) days hereof, failing which my client will proceed to conclude the Sale Transaction. Any claims lodged thereafter will not be entertained by my client;

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of the entire Industrial Plot bearing KIADB No:50 (carved out of land in Parts of Sy.Nos.30, 32 and 40 of Bandenallasandra Village, Jigani Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District)], presently situated at Bommasandra-Jigani Link Road Industrial Area, within the limits and administration of Bandenallasandra Village Panchayath, measuring 8,126.30 sq.mtrs. and bounded on the:

East By : Road No.4;
West By : Plot No.72(P), 71 & 70;
North By : Plot No.51;
South By : Plot No.49;
MEASURING: On the East: 89.86 mtrs.; On the West: 76.05 mtrs.; On the North: 105.40 mtrs.; On the South: 92.50 mtrs.;
In all admeasuring 8,126.30 sq.mtrs.;

N S RACHANA
N C JANARDHAN, ADVOCATES
Rachana Law Associates, "Lakshmideep", I Floor, No:2980, 17th Cross, Banashankari II Stage, BANGALORE – 560 070
PH : 9731810810 / 9886284325
Dt:18-03-2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to Inform, to the Public, that, I **Mr Avinash Arogya Dass,** Flat, Sri Balaji Kancharla ground no 302, 4th Floor, 14th main road, NRI Layout. Ramamurthy nagar Bengaluru, have Intended to Purchase the Property situated In Tumkur, to an Extent of 2 Acres, In sy No. 18/6, vajarahalli village, Hulikente Hobli, Sira Taluk, Tumkur District, from. Harish, S/o chickahanumaiah, Therefore, I hereby call upon the Public in large if any objection of me Purchasing of any body claiming rights over the Suit schedule Property. have all liberty to reach out me to the above address or my advocate

C.K.V.K LAW ASSOCIATES
Mob: 9845846428, 9108784843

BEFORE THE HON'BLE II ADDL. SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU
M.C.NO. 305/2021

BETWEEN : Sri. Mohan Reddy, S/o. Ramanna Reddy, Aged about 35 years, R/At. No.186/3, 79/3, Saralamma Temple, Doddanagamangala, Electronic City, Bangalore-560 100. ...PETITIONER
AND : Smt. S. Suma, W/o. Sri. Mohan Reddy, Aged about 31 years, R/At. #58, Munireddy Layout, Doddanagamangala Village, Bangalore-560100. ...RESPONDENT

SUMMONS/NOTICE TO RESPONDENT ORDER 5 RULE 20 (1) READ WITH SECTION 151 OF CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE

Smt. S. Suma W/o Sri. Mohan Reddy, Aged about 31 years, R/at No. 58, Munireddy Layout, Doddana gamangala Village, Bengaluru -560100.
Whereas the above named Petitioner has filed M.C. No.305/2021 against you before the Hon'ble Court of the II Addl. Senior Civil Judge at Bengaluru.
You, the above-named Respondent are hereby summoned to appear in this Court in person or through an Advocate/Pleader on **28/4/2026** at II Addl. Senior Civil Judge at Bengaluru To answer the claim, and you are directed to produce all the documents upon which you intend to rely in support of your defense
Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day before mentioned, the suit/petition will be heard and determined in your absence/ex-parte.
Given under my hand and the Seal of the Court, this 17th day of March 2026.

By Order of the Court
Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer
Senior Civil Judge Court
Bengaluru Rural District, Bengaluru

Name & Address Advocate for Petitioners
Govardhan. S, Advocate
Shop #8, 3rd 'D' Cross, East NGEF Layout,
Behind Ramamurthy Nagar Police Station,
Near RTO Office, Kasthuri Nagar, Bangalore-560016.
Mobile No : 9972633481.

PUBLIC NOTICE

PURCHASE

Notice is hereby given to the Public on behalf of my client Sri.Arunkumar.V.L and Smt.Brunda, have entered into Registered Sale Agreement dated 06.02.2026 with Sri.V.Raju and Smt.Savitha.R (Owners), registered No. NGB-1-06840/2025-26, Reg on 09.02.2026 with respect to the Residential Property bearing **Site No.12A, E-Khatha No.705/12A, E-Property No.150200201400202243** and **Site No.12B, E-Khatha No.705/12B, E-Property No.150200201400221302**, situated at Kadabagere Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru along with building thereon.

Therefore, any person, who has/have claim on the schedule property or part thereof by way of Sale, Transfer of Title under any Agreement or other Disposition or any Decree, Order or Awarder other claiming, howsoever, are hereby requested to make the same known in writing together with supporting documents to the undersigned at my office, within 7 days from the date of this notice. If no such claim(s) or an objection is/are received within the stipulated time, the undersigned will issue certificate of clearance that, there is/are no objection(s) or claim(s) on the schedule property.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Item No.1: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing **Site No.12A, E-Khatha No.705/12A, E-Property No.150200201400202243**, situated at Kadabagere Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, carved out of converted Sy.No.39/6 and Sy.No.39/8 of Kadabagere Village, Village Raj Panchayath Limits, measuring East to West: (18.29 +18.13)/2 meters and North to South: 6.10 meters, totally measuring 111.08 square meters and bounded on:- East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Site No.13, South by : Site No.12B

Item No.2: All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing **Site No.12B, E-Khatha No.705/12B, E-Property No.150200201400221302**, situated at Kadabagere Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Bengaluru, carved out of converted Sy.No.39/6 and Sy.No.39/8 of Kadabagere Village,Village Raj Panchayath Limits, measuring East to West: (18.13 +17.98)/2 meters and North to South: 6.09 meters, totally measuring 110.02 square meters and bounded on:- East by : Road, West by : Private Property, North by : Site No.12A, South by : Site No.11

GOWRI PRADEEP, Advocate
69, Shree Nilaya, 8th Main, S.K.Layout, Jnana Jyothi Nagar, Bangalore-560056.
Ph. No. 9886814698, 8147294698
Place: Bengaluru Date: 18.03.2026

PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients Sri Kamlesh Jain S/o Nemichand Jain and Sri Tushar Salecha S/o Nemichand are negotiating to purchase the immovable property bearing old Survey No.89/P8, New Re-**Survey No.104,** measuring **01(One) Acre,** Situated at **Basavanahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District,** which is more fully described in the Schedule hereunder, from its present owners **SRI MOHAMMED SADIQ @ SADIQ UR REHAMAN S/o BASHA SAB, (ADHAAR No:6354 5183 6513),** r/at Islampura Village, Kannegowdanahalli, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District.

It is claimed that Sri Mohammed Sadiq @ Sadiq ur rehaman S/o Basha sab was acquired the same under registered sale deed from Smt Dilshad Bee and her children vide document **No:NMG-1-12820/2018-19, CD. No. NMGD494, dated:16.02.2019,** registered in the office of the Sub-registrar, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural District. In view of the registered Sale deed in his favor, Sri Mohammed Sadiq @ Sadiq ur-rehman got transfer the Katha of the property vide **Mutation Register No:H19/2018-19.** He represent that there is no encumbrance of any nature, statutory or otherwise subsists in respect of Schedule Property.

This is to give notice to the public that any person/s who claims any right, title or interest of any nature in or any lien, charge or enforceable right in relation to Schedule Property and/or has any objections of any nature to the proposed transaction or is in possession or claims any right there under should lodge such claim and/or objections, in writing, with the undersigned together with supporting documents within **Seven Days** from the date of publication, failing which it will be presumed that no valid claims or objections subsist and our client would proceed to complete the transaction, subject to clear title and compliance with other statutory formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the agricultural property bearing old Survey No.89/P8, New Re-**Survey No.104,** measuring an extent of **01(One) Acre,** Situated at **Basavenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobali, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District:-**

East by : Government Land, West by : Property belongs to Mohammed Mustafa,
North by : Property belongs to Gangadhar Naik, South by : Government Land.

From : **Venkatesha.D,** Advocate
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IN THE COURT OF THE SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AND JMFC AT HOSKOTE
O.S. 486/2024

BETWEEN: Sri. V. Nandagopal, S/O Late Venkata Subbaiah Naidu, aged about 82 Years, Residing at A 302, Prestige Elgin, Langford Road, Richmond Town, Bangalore-560025. ... **PETITIONER**
AND: J.S. Prabhakar Dikshit & others

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO. 1 to 4

1) Sri. J.S. Prabhakar Dikshit, S/o Late Subbarayappa, aged about 54 years, Aadhar No. 6320 0671 7443. **2) Smt. Bharathi.C,** W/o J.S. Prabhakar Dikshit, aged about 46 years, **3) Sri. Abhilash .J.P,** S/o J.S. Prabhakar Dikshit, aged about 24 years, **4) Srinidhi .J.P,** D/o J.S. Prabhakar Dikshit, aged about 22 years, All are R/at Jadigenhalli Village, Jadigenahalli Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District - 562114. ... **DEFENDANTS**

NOTICE

Whereas the Plaintiff filed the above suit for under Order 7 rule 1 R/w Rule 26 of CPC suit for Specific Performance against the defendant. In the above case. The suit summons was sent and though the court as person intentionally avoid the summons.

You are here by instructed or summoned to before this Hon'ble court in person or by pleader on the **30/04/2026** at about **11:00 A.M** to answer the same, failing which the matter will be heard Ex-parate.

SCHEDULE

Property bearing Sy No. 117, measuring 3-8 guntas, situated at Jadigenhalli village and hobli, Hosakote taluk. bounded as follows: **East by:** Govt. Road, **West by:** Karab Kaluve, **North by :** Remaining land in same Sy No., **South by :** Karab Kaluve

SCHEDULE B PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of Agriculture land measuring 1 acre 10 guntas of Schedule A property. Take notice Mentioned the suit will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and the seal of the court, on this 18/03/2026

By order of the Court, Sheristedar, Senior Civil Judge & J.M.F.C Hosakote

PRAVEEN S. REDDY, Advocates
No.22/1, 1st Floor, 2nd Main Road, Gandhi Nagar, Bangalore-560009.

S. E. RAILWAY – TENDER

e-Tender Notice No. CE-Con-RSP-01-2026. Chief Engineer/RSP & GS, S.E. Railway, Garden Reach Road, Kolkata-700043 invites e-tenders for the following work. Following tender has been uploaded on website **www.ireps.gov.in** & the tender will be closed at 15.00 hrs. on due date. **Brief Description of works :** Construction of full Road Over Bridge (ROB) of Track portion span of 1x60 m BSG including approaches with via-duct and Retaining wall between Railway Station (i) Amarda Road & Basta in lieu of LC No. 60 at Km 202/11-13, (ii) Amarda Road & Basta in lieu of LC No. 61 at Km 203/27-29. (iii) Soro & Sabira in lieu of LC No. 106 at km 265/33-35, (iv) Markona & Soro in lieu of LC No. 110 at Km 278/21-23 and (v) Ranital - Kuparai Road in lieu of LC No. 115 at 286/13-15 in Kharagpur-Bhadrak Section. **Approx. Cost :** ₹ 247.8 Crore. **Bid Security :** ₹ 1 Crore. **Period of Completion :** 24 months from the date of issue of LOA. Interested tenders may visit website **www.ireps.gov.in** for full details/ description/specification of the tenders and submit their Bids online. In no case manual tenders for these items will be accepted. **NB:** Prospective Bidders may regularly visit **www.ireps.gov.in** to participate in all other tenders. **(PR-1318)**

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EU signs defence pact with Iceland ahead of membership referendum

BRUSSELS

THE European Union signed a defence pact with Iceland Wednesday, ahead of an August referendum in the North Atlantic island on resuming the country's EU membership talks. The agreement aims to strengthen security cooperation, particularly in the Arctic, which has become of increasing strategic interest as sea ice melts with global warming.

"In the current volatile security context, this important milestone for the EEuropean Union and Iceland brings an impulse to their already deep relations," the 27-nation European Union said in a statement.

The deal was signed in Brussels by EU foreign policy chief Kaja Kallas and Iceland Foreign Minister Thorgerdur Katrin Gunnarsdottir. It is the last in a series of accords Brussels recently inked with countries including Canada, Britain, India and others.

Iceland's government proposed this month that a referendum be held on August 29 on resuming the country's EU membership talks, which were shelved in 2015. Donald Trump's push to take over Greenland has sparked concern in nearby Iceland. *AP*

EU High Representative Kaja Kallas (R) with Iceland's Foreign Affairs Minister Thorgerdur Katrin Gunnarsdottir | AFP

Afghan Red Crescent Society volunteers carry the coffins for victims of a Pakistani air strike, during a mass burial ceremony at the Badam Bagh Hilltop in Kabul | AFP

Afghanistan, Pakistan announce temporary ceasefire over Eid

KABUL

PAKISTAN and Afghanistan on Wednesday declared a temporary pause in escalating fighting, two days after Kabul blamed Islamabad for a deadly airstrike in the Afghan capital that it said killed hundreds of people at a drug rehabilitation hospital. Both said they were suspending fighting before Muslim holiday Eid al-Fitr, which marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan, and at the request of Saudi Arabia, Turkey and Qatar.

The three countries have been trying to mediate a cessation of hostilities since Afghanistan and Pakistan renewed cross-border fighting in February, and had also been involved in helping broker a ceasefire between the two in October.

The announcements came shortly after Afghan authorities held a mass funeral in Kabul for some of the victims killed in Monday's strike.

Pakistani Information Minister Attaullah Tarar said that the suspension of strikes on Afghanistan would take effect at midnight Wednesday and remain in place until midnight Monday. "Pakistan offers this gesture in good faith and in keeping with the Islamic norms," Tarar said in a statement. However, he said that "in case of any cross-border attack, drone attack or any terrorist incident inside Pakistan," the operations will immediately resume with renewed intensity.

Afghanistan's government spokesman, Zabiullah Mujahid, didn't specify a time frame for the pause on the Afghan side. But he said that his country "will respond courageously to any aggression in the event of a threat." *AFP*

EXPRESS READ

Takaichi heads to US, calls it 'difficult' visit

TOKYO: Japanese PM Sanae Takaichi left for Washington for what she called a "very difficult" meeting with President Donald Trump, as the Iran war reshapes the agenda. The visit, initially focused on trade and China, will now centre on Middle East tensions and energy security. Japan has ruled out sending warships to the Strait of Hormuz for now, citing legal constraints and public opinion, while calling for de-escalation. Takaichi is expected to discuss investment, energy and security ties, and reassure the US of Japan's defence commitments as concerns grow over China and regional stability.

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD*			SILVER*			FOREX		
633.29	Sensex	76,704.13	₹330	24 carat (10 gm)	₹157,900	₹10,000	1 kg	₹265,000	Dollar	92.45
196.65	Nifty	23,777.80	₹300	22 carat (10 gm)	₹144,750	₹100	10 gm	₹2,650	Euro	106.76

*Delhi Mandi Price

INR in for crude shock, hits new low of 92.67

Escalating war, sustained foreign fund outflows amid heightened risk aversion have kept rupee under pressure

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

DESPITE the equity markets rallying for the third consecutive day and crude prices remaining flat with a negative bias, the rupee tested new intra-day and closing lows. The domestic currency closed at a record low of 92.63 after falling to 92.67 in the forex market and testing 92.80 on the MCX.

The main trigger for the currency that has lost more than 5% year-to-date (YTD) on the back of another 4.9% loss last year, according to currency traders, is the lack of a resolution in opening of the Strait of Hormuz that carries a fifth of global oil supplies. The country that imports as much as 85% of its energy demand, and nearly half of that was coming via the Strait.

Another reason, they said, is the strengthening of dollar, which is leading to sell-offs by foreign investors in equity markets. They have taken out over $7 billion since the beginning of the year on the back of close to $19 billion rip-off last year. When capital flows out that puts pressure on rupee as it widens the current account deficit.

The rupee slumped 23 paise to close at a record low of 92.63 against dollar. At the interbank foreign exchange, the unit opened at 92.42 and traded in the range of 92.41-92.48 for most of the session before losing ground at the fag end to close at its record low of 92.63 after plumbing 92.76 before close.

Since the war began, rupee lost over 1.5%, becoming the worst Asian currency for the second year. Since Iran closed the Strait, only a handful oil and gas tankers have crossed the passage towards Indian shores, sending crude prices up by over 45%. At 1730 hrs, global crude benchmark Brent was trading nearly flat at $104.17 a barrel. On the MCX, oil was trading 0.25% down at ₹8,849. On the other hand, equities made a come back for the third day on the trot, up 0.83% at close.

After Swiss brokerage UBS India chief economist Tanvee Gupta Jain had last week said an elongated West Asia crisis would take rupee down to 95, her counterpart at Goldman Sachs Santanu Sengupta said he sees the unit touching 95 as the war lasts longer.

"Surging crude prices, driven by escalating war, and sustained foreign fund outflows amid heightened risk aversion have kept rupee under pressure. Aggressive dollar demand from importers and traders put further pressure on the currency, pushing it down to new lows. As spot rupee-dollar pair maintains a bullish bias, the immediate resistance is likely 92.50–92.70 and a support at 92.05," said Dilip Parmar, senior research analyst at HDFC Securities.

Investors gain ₹9 lakh cr as mkt rises for three sessions

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

DOMESTIC equity benchmarks extended their recovery for a third straight session on Wednesday, led by strong gains in banking and financial stocks amid improving global cues and easing crude oil prices.

The BSE Sensex rose 633.29 points, or 0.83%, to close at 76,704.13, after climbing over 600 points during the session. The Nifty 50 advanced 196.65 points, or 0.83%, to settle at 23,777.80, crossing the 23,750 mark. Investors' wealth rose by over ₹9 lakh crore in the past three sessions.

On Wednesday, markets traded firmly in the green throughout the day, supported by value buying in frontline stocks and a steady improvement in investor sentiment.

The upmove was driven primarily by heavyweight banking stocks, with HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank and SBI contributing significantly to the indices' gains. Select IT stocks lent support, helping sustain the upward momentum. Sectorally, most indices ended higher, with realty, IT, auto, media, capital goods, consumer durables, telecom and infrastructure stocks gaining between 1% and 3%. However, FMCG and metal stocks saw mild profit booking, capping sharper gains.

The rally was broad-based, with broader markets outperforming the benchmarks. The Nifty Midcap 100 index rose 2.02%, while the Nifty Smallcap 100 gained 1.67%, reflecting improving risk appetite and wider market participation.

> **A long candle was formed on the daily chart. The upside bounce of last three sessions is a positive indication**
>
> Nagaraj Shetti, HDFC Securities

Rally in bank stocks

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Govt allocates 10% more commercial LPG to states, UTs

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

THE Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has allocated up to 10% additional commercial LPG to the states and Union Territories, with the condition of fast-tracking approvals for expanding the city gas distribution (CGD) network and addressing other challenges.

The additional 10% allocation of LPG includes 1% extra allocation for setting up state and district-level committees for approval of CGD applications and resolving grievances, 2 % for granting deemed permissions, 3 % for implementing a "dig and restore" policy, and 4 % for reducing annual lease charges.

The Centre has urged states to immediately clear all pending applications for laying CGD pipelines. It has also asked local authorities to waive road restoration and permission charges, and appoint nodal officers to speed up implementation.

"Now the onus is on the state and Union Territories to take this reform forward, expedite the approvals and ensure the connections to domestic, commercial and industrial PNG consumers in their areas," Sujata Sharma, Joint Secretary (Marketing & Oil Refinery), Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, said on Wednesday. She admitted that the LPG shortage situation is still worrying. The ministry said that the domestic LPG production has been increased to 40% as on March 18.

So far, 15 states and UTs have issued commercial LPG allocation orders, while 12 have made additional kerosene allocations. Authorities have also been asked to act against hoarding and black marketing under existing control orders. States/UTs like Bihar, Chhattisgarh Delhi, Gujarat, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Manipur, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand and others, have issued orders for allocation of non-domestic LPG, and commercial LPG supply is being made available across the country.

The government said over 1.2 lakh new piped gas connections have been added in the past two weeks, while PNG and CNG supplies continue without cuts. While commenting on the availability of the aviation fuel, she said: "We have sufficient stocks of aviation turbine fuel (ATF) and no price increase has been done by the oil marketing companies. Till now, there has been no increase in the prices of petrol and diesel."

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> Sujata Sharma, joint secretary, petroleum ministry

COMPANY

Finolex Cables targets ₹1k cr in revenue from TN

SANAL SUDEVAN @ Chennai

PUNE-based Finolex Cables has flagged rising input costs and potential production disruptions if the ongoing conflict in West Asia persists, with a senior executive warning that raw material prices have already surged sharply.

"Ever since the war began, we have seen prices of raw materials such as polyvinyl chloride (PVC) go up by 20–25%. If the war continues for two weeks, our production could be impacted," Amit Mathur, president (sales & marketing), said.

He added that while most of the company's heating processes are electrified, copper casting depends on LNG, making operations vulnerable to energy supply disruptions. "There is a shortage of raw materials. However, copper prices have remained stable or softened slightly after the war. The weakening of rupee in recent months has pushed up input costs," he said. Finolex Cables is targeting ₹1,000 crore in revenue from Tamil Nadu in the next financial year, driven by industrial expansion, rising electric vehicle (EV) adoption, solar installations and data centre demand.

"The southern market contributes nearly 40% to our revenue, and Tamil Nadu alone accounts for 40% of that. We expect to generate ₹800 crore from the state this year."

Govt allocates ₹33,660 cr for industrial parks

PUSHPITA DEY @ New Delhi

THE government on Wednesday approved an allocation of Rs 33,660-crore under Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna (BHAVYA), aimed at developing 100 plug-and-play industrial parks to boost domestic manufacturing and attract investments.

Under the scheme, industrial parks ranging from 100 to 1,000 acres will be developed across the country, with a minimum area of 25 acres in North East and hilly areas over a six-year period from FY27 to FY32. In the first phase, 50 parks will be taken up. However, the land needs to be allotted by the respective state governments. "The state government will be the primary sponsor for taking up parks for development under the scheme. But the private sector can also come in for development of parks. However, they have to come through the state government," said Amardeep Singh Bhatia, Secretary, Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

The Centre will provide financial assistance of up to Rs 1 crore per acre for developing core infrastructure such as internal roads, along with several value-added facilities. Once the land allotment is done by the state government, the corresponding funds will be allocated by the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC). In some cases, additional funding requirements can be met through debt, stated the DPIIT secretary.

While the central government expects nearly 90% of the funds to come from states, it can also opt to allocate more funds if needed. For projects involving private participation, there will be a tripartite model involving three stakeholders — the state government, the Centre through NICDC, and private developers. The exact contribution from each party will depend on the agreed project structure.

50 industrial parks to be taken up in first phase

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CHAKRABORTY QUITS AS HDFC BANK CHAIRMAN

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

HDFC Bank on Thursday said its part-time chairman and independent director Atanu Chakraborty has resigned with immediate effect, citing concerns over certain practices at the bank that were not in congruence with his values and ethics.

In an exchange filing, the bank said Chakraborty stepped down on March 18. In his resignation letter, he flagged "certain practices" observed over past two years as the basis for his decision, adding that there were no other material reasons for his exit. Chakraborty, who joined the board in May 2021, oversaw key developments during his tenure, including merger of the bank with HDFC Ltd—a move that created one of India's largest financial conglomerates and made HDFC Bank the country's second-largest lender. He said full benefits of the merger are yet to be realised. The bank's board placed on record its appreciation for his contributions and wished him success in his future endeavours.

Before joining HDFC Bank, he served the Government of India for 35 years as a bureaucrat. He served as secretary in the finance ministry, Departments of Economic Affairs as well as Disinvestment.

Jio ropes in 15 merchant bankers for share sale

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

DESPITE many companies putting their IPO plans in the backburner citing jittery market conditions since the Iran war begun, Reliance Industries chairman Mukesh Ambani is going ahead with the listing plan of Reliance Jio Platforms as planned.

It has hired over 15 merchant bankers to manage the process that would be the biggest IPO ever from India Inc, with the issue size likely surpassing $4 billion. At the last AGM, Ambani had said he would take Jio; the largest telecom player by customer base, revenue and profit; public by the middle of 2026.

After the Iran war spooked markets, shaving off ₹34 trillion investor wealth in the first two weeks of the war, companies like PhonePe has said they are putting of the plan till the market sentiment and liquidity improve. Many of other companies are also silently delaying the roadshows.

The Walmart-owned PhonePe was to hit the market this month with a ₹12,000 crore public offer, making it the second largest issue from the fintech space after Paytm's ₹18,300 crore issue earlier.

The IPO will most likely be an offer-for-sale and may value the company at $170 billion. Jio's IPO syndicate involves over 15 advisors and the big names include Wall Street giants Citigroup, JPMorgan, Goldman Sachs, Morgan Stanley and Bank of America, as well as domestic investment banks like Axis Capital, ICICI Securities, IIFL, and Kotak Mahindra Capital, a source told TNIE on Wednesday. A Reliance spokesman refused to comment saying the matter is not public yet. Last week, the NSE had hired 20 i-bankers, eight law firms, among other market intermediaries, for its ₹23,000 crore IPO.

Arohan MFI to file for ₹1,500 crore IPO by month-end

Despite jittery markets, Kolkata-based microfinance company Arohan Financial Services is set to hit the capital markets with a ₹1,500 crore issue and will be filing the papers with capital market regulator Sebi by the end of the month. When completed, Arohan will be the sixth publicly-traded MFI in the country.

From coders to AI auditors: Agentic AI rewriting roles of India's IT workforce

PADMINI DHRUVARAJ @ Bengaluru

INDIA'S IT workforce is undergoing a structural shift. Software engineers who used to spend their time writing and debugging code are increasingly moving into supervisory roles as agentic AI takes over core development tasks.

Recently, even OpenAI CEO Sam Altman wrote on X: "I have so much gratitude to people who wrote extremely complex software character by character. It already feels difficult to remember how much effort it really took. Thank you for getting us to this point."

Unlike earlier forms of generative AI, which could answer questions or draft emails, agentic AI goes much further. It can plan, execute, and complete complex software projects on its own from beginning to end. It writes code, tests it, and fixes bugs without waiting for human instructions. As a result, today's engineers are becoming gatekeepers. They define business rules, set security standards, and supervise the AI's work, making sure it doesn't make errors or introduce risks.

"I haven't written a raw block of functional code in three months," said Rahul Kumar, a 28-year-old software engineer at a leading IT company in India. "My job has completely changed. I now give the AI a design plan, and it produces the entire module in minutes. My role is to review its output, checking for security issues, efficiency, and whether it meets our needs. I'm less of a builder now, and more of an inspector."

This view is widely shared across the large campuses of India's major IT firms, many of which have introduced hundreds of AI agent licenses since late last year. The shift is moving workers up the value chain and reducing the need for repetitive manual tasks. Pooja Suresh, technical lead at a global technology company, says this transition requires a completely different skill set. "Earlier, you were valued for knowing the details of a programming language. Today, the AI understands the language better than any person," she said.

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WCL finds 8 rare earth elements, critical minerals in Maharashtra

NAGPUR: Western Coalfields Limited (WCL), headquartered in Nagpur, has achieved a major breakthrough in exploration of rare earth elements and critical minerals after it found eight significant strategic minerals in its six mines in Maharashtra. A senior official said that WCL found minerals in its Open Cast mines, Adasa UG (underground) to OC (open cast), Makardhokra – III, Durgapur OC, Gauri-Pauni, Mungoli-Nirguda and Yekonal & II recently. The analysis found economically significant concentrations of rare earth elements (REEs) and critical minerals of Potash (K), Tellurium (Te), Titanium (Ti), Lanthanum (La), Cerium (Ce), Rhenium (Re), Selenium (Se) and Zirconium (Zr).

Business & Beyond

ICMR-NIMR holds International Malaria Conference 2026 in Delhi during March 7-9

The International Malaria Conference 2026 by ICMR-NIMR was held in Delhi during March 7-9, 2026. It brought together global experts to advance malaria research and elimination. Inspiring talks from worldwide speakers and experts, NCVBDC, WHO officials, and other leading Indian and foreign institutions. It concluded with several inputs and collaborations for a malaria-free future! #MalariaConference2026 #MalariaElimination.

JSW Steel, Odisha wins 23 awards at Mines Safety Fortnight

Barbil: JSW Steel, Odisha mining division has been honored with 23 awards at the 43rd Annual Metalliferous Mines Safety Fortnight Observance in Bhubaneswar. Organised by the Eastern Zone Mining Association under the aegis of the Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS), the recognition highlights the division's commitment to safety, innovation, and welfare. The awards were received by Prasanna Panda, business head of JSW Steel Odisha Mining Division, and Ram Shankar Sharma, operations and projects head, along with their respective teams. This achievement underscores JSW Steel's dedication to fostering a culture of safety and operational excellence across its mining units. At the event, Ganua Mines secured Overall First performance in Group B4, winning 7 awards for excellence in Innovation & Digitalisation, General Working, Mock Drill, and Welfare. Nugaon Mines achieved Overall Second performance in Group A2.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ

ಪಂಚಾಯತ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಶಿರಸಿ, ಉತ್ತರ ಕನ್ನಡ

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ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ:ಪಂ.ರಾ.ಇಂ/ವಿಶಿ/ಪಿ.ಬಿ-1/Mitigation/ಟೆಂಡರ್-41/2025-26/3052 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 05-03-2026

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ 41/2025-26 (ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು, ಪಂಚಾಯತ್ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಶಿರಸಿ ಇವರಿಂದ ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನವಿಕೃತ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ 2019-20 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ನವಿಕೃತ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಿದ ಅರ್ಹ ಹಾಗೂ ಇ-ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಯಿಂದ ನೋಂದಾಯಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ **NDRF & SDRF (Mitigation Land Sliding)** ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಖರೀದಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಕಾನೂನು ಹಾಗೂ ನಿಯಮಾವಳಿ **2000** ಹಾಗೂ **Standard Tender Document** ನಂತೆ **KW-III** ತತ್ಸಂಬಂಧ ಕಾಲಕಾಲಕ್ಕೆ ಹೊರಡಿಸಲಾದ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಆದೇಶಗಳನ್ವಯ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತೆ ಐಟಂವಾರು ಟೆಂಡರ ಕರೆಯಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ-ಆಡಳಿತ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಅಥವಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ **http://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ನಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಿದಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಹಾಗೂ ಇನ್ನುಳಿದ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಖಚಿತಪಡಿಸಿಕೊಂಡು ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಾಗಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸಬಹುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಈ ಕಚೇರಿಯಿಂದ ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾಹಿತಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ವಿವರಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಗಿನಂತಿವೆ.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ಹೆಸರು: **CAT-II A Category (1)RDPR/2025-26/FP/WORK_INDENT25024, Others Category: (2) RDPR/2025-26/OW/WORK_INDENT24975**

(1) ಭರ್ತಿ ಮಾಡಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **23-03-2026** ರ ಸಂಜೆ **16.00** ಘಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ (2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಶೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್-ಬಿ ಗಳ **Technical Bid** ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **25-03-2026** ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ **11.30** ಘಂಟೆಗೆ (ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಲ್ಲಿ) ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು **www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ವೆಬ್ ಸೈಟಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಅಥವಾ ಈ ಕಚೇರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. (3) ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ **Financial Bid** ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **27-03-2026** ಸಂಜೆ **16.30** ಘಂಟೆಗೆ (ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾದಲ್ಲಿ)

ಸಹಿ/- ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರು,
ಪಂಚಾಯತ ರಾಜ್ ಇಂಜಿನೀಯರಿಂಗ್ ವಿಭಾಗ, ಶಿರಸಿ

DIPR/KWR/KSMCA/1217/25-26 dt.18.03.2026

ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ

ಹಿರಿಯ ಸಹಾಯಕ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರ ಕಚೇರಿ
ಬೊಮ್ಮನಹಳ್ಳಿ ವಲಯ-2

ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: ಹಿ.ಸ.ತೋ.ನಿ/ಬೊವ-2/ಆರ್/49/2025-26 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 18-03-2026

ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ವಿಷಯ: 2026-27ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಹೊಸಪಾಳ್ಯ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಫಸಲಿನ ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಯನ್ನು ಹೊರಡಿಸುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ.

ಈ ಮೂಲಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರಿಗೆ ಮತ್ತು ವ್ಯಾಪಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸುವುದೇನೆಂದರೆ 2026-27ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಬೊಮ್ಮನಹಳ್ಳಿ ವಲಯದ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಇಲಾಖೆಯ ಹೊಸಪಾಳ್ಯದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ನರ್ಸರಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಬೆಳೆದಿರುವ ಸಪೋಟ, ಹಲಸು, ಮಾವು ಮತ್ತು ತೆಂಗು ಫಸಲನ್ನು ಇದೇ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಗೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿರುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕರ ಸಮಕ್ಷಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜಿನ ಮೂಲಕ ವಿಲೇವಾರಿ ಮಾಡಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.	ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ ಮತ್ತು ಹರಾಜು ನಡೆಯುವ ಸ್ಥಳ	ವಿಲೇವಾರಿ ಮಾಡುವ ಹಣ್ಣಿನ ಫಸಲು	ಫಸಲು ಇರುವ ಮರಗಳ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ	ಠೇವಣಿ ಹಣ ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ	ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜಿನ ದಿನಾಂಕ ಮತ್ತು ವೇಳೆ
1	ಹೊಸಪಾಳ್ಯ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ಕ್ಷೇತ್ರ	ಸಪೋಟ	32	2000.00	27-03-2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
2		ಹಲಸು	45	1000.00	27-03-2026 ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11:30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
3		ತೆಂಗು	265	5000.00	27-03-2026 ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 12:00 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ
4		ಮಾವು	45	2000.00	27-03-2026 ಮಧ್ಯಾಹ್ನ 12:30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ

ಬಹಿರಂಗ ಹರಾಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಭಾಗವಹಿಸುವವರು 1000.00 ರೂ.ಗಳ ಠೇವಣಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಹರಾಜು ಪ್ರಾರಂಭಿಸುವ ಮುನ್ನ ಸಂದಾಯ ಮಾಡಿ ತಮ್ಮ ಹೆಸರನ್ನು ನೊಂದಾಯಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು, ಅಂತಿಮ ಹರಾಜು ಪಡೆದವರು ಹರಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತದ ಶೇ.50 ಭಾಗ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ರಾಷ್ಟ್ರೀಕೃತ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್‌ನಿಂದ ಡಿಮ್ಯಾಂಡ್ ಡ್ರಾಫ್ಟ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಆಯುಕ್ತರು, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ದಕ್ಷಿಣ ನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯವರ ಹೆಸರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆದು ಪಾವತಿಸಬೇಕು. ಉಳಿದಿರುವ ಶೇ 50 ಭಾಗ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಅನುಮೋದನೆಯಾದ 10 ದಿನಗಳೊಳಗಾಗಿ ಪೂರ್ತಿ ಹಣವನ್ನು ಡಿ.ಡಿ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾವತಿಸಿ ಫಸಲನ್ನು 31-12-2026ರ ವರೆಗೆ ರೂಢಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಹರಾಜು ಅಂಗೀಕರಿಸುವ ಮತ್ತು ತಿರಸ್ಕರಿಸುವ ಹಕ್ಕು ಹಿರಿಯ ಸಹಾಯಕ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ರವರದಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಇಲಾಖಾ ಅಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ತೀರ್ಮಾನವೇ ಅಂತಿಮವಾಗಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗೆ ಹಿರಿಯ ಸಹಾಯಕ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು ಬೊಮ್ಮನಹಳ್ಳಿ ವಲಯ ರವರನ್ನು ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ.

ಸಹಿ/- ಹಿರಿಯ ಸಹಾಯಕ ತೋಟಗಾರಿಕೆ ನಿರ್ದೇಶಕರು
ಬೊಮ್ಮನಹಳ್ಳಿ ವಲಯ-2

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

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SALE NOTICE

E-Auction sale notice for sale of Immovable property under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with proviso to rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured creditors, the **possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of Canara Bank, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" basis on 22.04.2026 from 10.30 a.m. to 11.00am**. [with unlimited extension of 5 minutes duration each till the conclusion of sale], for recovery of **Rs. 72,87,893.86** (Rupees Seventy Two Lakhs Eighty Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Threeand paisa Eighty Six Only) plus further interest thereon from 01.03.2026 and other expenses due to Canara Bank from **Mr.SOMASHEKAR R& Mrs. ROOPA D R.**

Full description of the immovable property, Reserve Price, EMD, known Encumbrance(s), Outstanding Dues if any are as under:-

(Rs.in lacs)

Lot	Description of the Immovable assets	Reserve Price	EMD	Incremental Value
1.	Residential Flat No. FR-F3, Fourth Floor, "MSR NIGAM NEEPA", Plot No.115, Old Khata No.150 Nagadevanahalli Village, Kengeri Hobli, South Taluk Bengaluru 560056, 1350 SBA North: Site No 114, South: Road, East: Road, West: Site no.116.	58.20 Lakhs	5.82 Lakhs	1.00 Lakhs

Known encumbrances, if any: Not to the knowledge of the Bank
The EMD should be deposited on or before 21.04.2026 up to 4.00 pm
The properties will not be sold below the Reserve Price.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or E-Wallet of M/s PSB Alliance Private Limited **(https://baanknet.com/)** portal and may contact ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru, Canara Bank, (Ph. No.9535093706 and 9483544116) during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bangalore
Date: 18.03.2026

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

BANGALORE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

T. Chowdaiah Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru-560 020

CORRIGENDUM

With reference to the e-Auction Notification No. BDA/EM/e-Auction/T-21/2025-26 dated 07.03.2026 published in this newspaper on 08.03.2026, the below mentioned sites have been included in the e-Auction

Sl. No.	Site No.	Dimensions in Metres		Area in Sq. Mtr.
		East to West	North to South	
Sir M. Vishweshwaraiah Layout, 6th Block, Ullalu				
1	128	12.00	9.00	108.00
2	145	12.00	9.00	108.00
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 84,000/-, Contact : 7975861995				
Sir M. Vishweshwaraiah Layout, 2nd Block, Ramasandra				
3	167	12.00	18.00	216.00
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 84,000/-, Contact : 7349388238				
Sir M. Vishweshwaraiah Layout, 4th Block, Ramasandra				
4	1398	12.00	6.50	78.00
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 84,000/-, Contact : 6362956998				
Mahalakshmi Layout Industrial Suburb, Kethamaranahalli				
5	OAS-1	-	-	171.48
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 92,750/-, Contact : 7975861995				
Dookanahalli Binnamangala				
6	41/1 Marginal Land	11.21	7.26	81.44
Initial bid price per Sq.Mtr. is Rs. 2,50,000/-, Contact : 8105864769				

Last date & time to express interest of participation in e-Auction: **23.03.2026, 5.00 p.m. IST.** Date of commencement of Live Bidding: **26.03.2026, 11.00 a.m. IST.** Last date for bid closing: **27.03.2026 up to 5.00 p.m. (Delta time 5.00 minutes).**

There are no changes in the other terms and conditions of the Auction Notice. BDA regrets for the inconvenience.

Helpline / Whatsapp: 9483166622 (24x7) @BDAOfficialGok

Sd/- Engineer Member

BENGALURU NORTH CITY CORPORATION

Office of the Commissioner, BNCC, Amruthalli Main Road, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru-560092

No.: BNCC/Comm/PR/355/2025-26 **Date: 18.03.2026**

FORM-I

NOTIFICATION - Under Sec 14B(4)(i)

In exercise of powers conferred under section 14-B of the Karnataka Town and Country Planning Act. 1961 the following Area mentioned in the schedule below is required by The Commissioner, Bengaluru North City Corporation (Public Authority) for **"Development and formation of 30 M Wide New Link Road (Gas Pipeline Road) from Sandeep Unnikrishnan Road to Kavery Layout in Yelahanka"** It is hereby informed to the land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose, to appear and submit their claims along with the copies of the relevant documents viz (i) Sale /Partition / other deeds of title, (ii) Up-to-date RTC's (iii) Mutation Copy (iv) Tax paid receipts (V) conversion order of Non agriculture purpose (vi) Revenue sketch (vii) Akar band etc., in person in the place and dates as indicated in the address below and state their respective interest in such land.

The place where land owners / interested persons have to appear and submit their claims	Name and address of the Divisional / Sub divisional / branch offices	Date and Time
The Joint Commissioner, Zone-2, BNCC, MEI Layout, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bagalagunte, Bengaluru-560073	Executive Engineer, Yelahanka Division, Bengaluru North City Corporation, Phone: 9620673768	30 days from the date of Notification. Time : 10.00 AM to 5.00 PM

The land owners / interested parties of the scheduled properties whose lands are to be acquired shall give the consent for Grant of Development Rights to the Commissioner, Bengaluru North City Corporation, Amurthhalli Main Road, Byatarapura.

The land owners shall receive twice the area of land surrendered in lieu of monetary compensation as Development Rights (Notional land) and two time the building area surrendered as estimated by the value of the building area surrendered divided by the Market value of the land on which the building is constructed. The Notional land can be utilized by factorizing with the market value at the originating plot and receiving plot. The Notional land is eligible for FAR and can be used as additional built up area at the receiving plot as per the terms and conditions prescribed in the Benefit of Development Rights Rules, 2016.

The public is hereby informed about the details of the land and land owners and interested persons whose lands are required for the public purpose and Development Rights Certificates (DRCs) are to be issued in lieu of monetary compensation. Any objections and suggestions are to be addressed to the The Joint Commissioner, Zone-2, Bengaluru North City Corporation, MEI Layout, Hesaraghatta Main Road, Bagalagunte within thirty days from the date of publication of this Notification.

SCHEDULE

Acquisition of land required for **"Development and formation of 30 M Wide New Link Road (Gas Pipeline Road) from Sandeep Unnikrishnan Road to Kavery Layout in Yelahanka".**

Name of the District: **Bengaluru Urban** Name of the Taluk: **Yelahanka** Name of the Village: **Doddabettahalli**

Sl. No.	Sy. No. / Khata No.	Type of land		Nature of Land			Dimension of the land / plot and extent in Sq.m		Boundaries of the land / plot				Building Details			Present activity on land / Building Specify Specific activity such as shop, office, factory, apartment, individual house etc.	Market (Guide lines) value of the land per Sqmt (Rs)			Name and address of the Owner of the plot / land for which DRC is to be issued / already issued
		Vacant	Built up	Agriculture	Converted undeveloped	Approved layout / developed land Building site	Dimension	Extent	North	South	East	West	Extent in Sq.m	Type of Construction and No. of floors	Floor Area Ratio		Agriculture / B-Khatha	Converted Undeveloped	A Khatha, Developed site	
1	52/4	Vacant	-	-	-	-	3035.13		Sy.No. 52/2	Sy.No. 52/2	Road	Sy No.50/1	-	-	-	-	6,523.63	42,000.00	60,000.00	Abdul Azeem, S/o. Abdul Rashid
2	51	-	Built up	-	-	-	1482.91		Sy.No. 50/1 & 50/2	Remaining Portion of Sy.No. 51/7	Sy.No. 52/4	Sy No.50/3	-	RCC Building	-	-	6,523.63	42,000.00	60,000.00	Government Muniyappa Urff Chikkamurari Puttamurari, Muniyappa S/o. Doddamurari, Krishnappa, S/o. Late Doddamurari

The Market value of land shall be subject to land conversion and development status to be decided at Form-III stage based on production of documents from the Land Owners.

The Building extent shall verified at the time of Form-III Public Notice stage based on the Building Valuation and Benefits of Development Rights Rule-2016.

Sd/-,
Commissioner, Bengaluru North City Corporation

PUBLIC NOTICE

The General Public is hereby notified that my client **Kadur Engineering Private Limited represented by its Director Smt.Nirmala Prakash** is the sole and absolute owner of the schedule Property.

The Original Auction Site Sale Agreement on dated 29.06.1993 Document No.3524/93-94 Book-1, Volume No.Addl785, before the office of the sub-registrar Kengeri, (2) Auction Sale deed on Dated 02.10.2003, Document No.19887/2003-2004, Book-1 and stored in CD No.145, before the office of the sub-registrar Kengeri, (3) Rectification deed on dated 18.01.1994, Doc No.7147/93-94, Book-1, Volume No.849, before the office of the sub-registrar Kengeri Bangalore, in respect of Property bearing Site No.2092, Measuring East to west 18.10+20.00/2 Mtrs and North to South 16.20+5.40/2 Mtrs formed by the BDA, in Kengeri Satellite Town Layout extension, is misplaced/lost by client. In this connection, a police complaint has been lodged on **17.03.2026,** vide Acknowledgement of Police Complaint vide Lost Report Numbers: **2113834/2026, 2113827/2026 and 2113773/2026.**

Any Person finds the document may handover the same to the undersigned within **15 days** from this day. If the said document is misused by anybody, it shall not be binding on our client and he/she shall not be binding on our client and he/she shall be doing so at him/their own costs and risks.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing Site No.2092, E-PID No :9654273224, Khata No : 1001/2092/993 Measuring East to west 18.10+20.00/2Mtrs (62 feet) and North to South 16.20+ 5.40/2Mtrs (35 feet) total measuring 205.7 Square meters or 2215 Square feet situated at 1st Main Road, Kengeri Satellite Town formed by the Bangalore Development Authority in Kengeri Upanagar, BDA, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Site No.2094
West by : Road
North by : Site No.2091
South by : Road

Aswath B, Advocate
#36 (317/C), 9th A Main, 40th Cross, 5th Block, Jayanagara Bangalore -560041
Contact No : 9901944099
E-mail: aswath.bb@gmail.com

IN THE COURT OF THE HON'BLE XI ADDL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BENGALURU

P & S.C. No.159/2026 (CCH-8)

BETWEEN: 1. Abhishek Kunthnahalli Jayaramu, Son of Late Mr. Jayaramu Kunthnahalli Gopalaiah, Aged about 30 years, R/at No.4 MPM Park Road, Near AIT College, MPM Layout Janatha Colony, VTC Bangalore South-560056, Nationality: Indian, Passport No. AK224555, Aadhaar No.: 321961961737. **2. Ms. Rukmini Eriah,** Wife of Late Mr. Jayaramu Kunthnahalli Gopalaiah, aged about 53 years, Address No.4 MPM Park Road, Near AIT College, MPM Layout Janatha Colony VTC, Bangalore South-560056, Nationality: Indian, Aadhaar No: 725201781213. **3. Mr. Vinod Kumar Singh KJ,** Son of Late Mr. Jayaramu Kunthnahalli Gopalaiah, aged about 39 years, Address No.4 MPM Park Road, Near AIT College, MPM Layout Janatha Colony, VTC Bangalore South-560056, Nationality: Indian, Aadhaar No: 436096180623, **4. Ms. Priyadarshini Jayaram K.J,** D/of Late M. Jayaram Kunthnahalli Gopalaiah, aged about 37 years, Address No.4 MPM Park Road, Near AIT College, MPM Layout Janatha Colony VTC Bangalore South-560056, Nationality: Indian, Aadhaar No: 631401322463. The Petitioners No.2 to 5 are represented by Their GPA Holder 1st Petitioners herein...

PETITIONERS

AND: NIL... RESPONDENT

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, the above named has made petition to this Hon'ble Court Under Section 372 and 373 of Indian Succession Act 1925, for grant of Letter of Succession Certificate in favour of petitioners in respect of the schedule mentioned below. The below mentioned schedule has held by deceased Jayaram who expired on 27-08-2020.

Interested parties are hereby called to appear in this Court in person or by pleader duly instructed on **27-04-2026** at 11:00 A.M, inform to show cause against the petitioner failing wherein the appearance will be heard and declared as ex-parte.

SCHEDULE

DEATH BENEFITS BELONGS TO DECEASED JAYARAMU

All the death benefits and all other benefits and other monetary benefits of Petitioner's deceased father Sri. Jayaramu S/o Late R. Gopalaiah vide HSBC Bank, vide international Bank Account No. AE250200000786555545556, Dubai Branch,

Given under my hand and seal of the Hon'ble Court on this 17-03-2026.

By order of the Court, Senior Sheristedar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.

A.C.SATHISHA, Advocate
No.39/2, Basement, Chamber No.3, ASVNV Bhavan, K.G.Road, Bengaluru-560009.
Mob: 9845490849.

PUBLIC NOTICE

General Public are hereby notified that I, Sri. B.S. Sadasivamurthy s/o late Shilpi Shamachar alias Siddaramachar, No. 16, Mallikaruna lane, 1st cross, Avenue Road, Bangalore - 560002, Mob : 9980225000 has lost 1) Original WILL dated 26-12-1980, registered as No. 213 /1980-81 executed by Shilpi Shamachar alias Siddaramachar in respect of property no. 16, situated at Mallikarjuna lane, 1st cross, Avenue road, Bangalore. He has lodged Complaint in that respect before the Halasurgate Police station, Bangalore on 18-03-2026, vide Lost Report No. 2115043 / 2026. General public are hereby requested to handover the said lost documents if found and also it is hereby cautioned not to deal with any person in respect of the above mentioned property except with Sri. B.S. Sadasiva murthy.

If any personal / institution has any claim or interest of any nature pertaining to aforesaid property and Document, the said claims along with supporting document shall be filed with undersigned within 3 days from the date of publication of the notice at the address mentioned below. Any claims raised thereafter shall not be entertained or binding.

Contact : **Sri. B.S. Sadasivamurthy**
s/o late Shilpi Shamachar alias Siddaramachar, No. 16, Mallikarjuna lane, 1st cross, Avenue Road, Bangalore – 560002, Mob : 9980225000

PUBLIC NOTICE

I R.Mahendravarma practicing Advocate at Bangalore from last 20 years and now I issuing this public notice on behalf of my client Smt. Akkyamma W/o.Munne gowda.S residing at No.20, Santhosh Nilaya, 1st Main Road, Hanumaiah layout , Sanjayanagar, Bangalore-560094 and now she has lost Sale deed bearing No.605/1969-70, dated 20.05.1969 and same document duly registered before ub-registrar Doddaballapura and same pertains to property bearing resurvey No.25/9 and podi No.80 and measuring about 1 acre 14 ½ gunts at Kesturu Village, Kasaba Hobi, Doddaballapura Taluk on 12.03.2026 at Bangalore Sanjayanagar Bangalore -560094 and any person finding the original above document or any person having any claim on same property and in any manner should write to the undersigned with documentary proof in support of your claim within 07 days of issuances of this notice, failing which my client will proceed on the basis that there are no claims over the same lost document.

SD/- R.Mahendravarma Advocate
No.42, R.G.Nagar, M.S.Playa, Bangalore-560097, **M-7795488467.**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Authorised Officer's Details :
Name: Smt. Jayalakshmi .M, Chief Manager
E-mail Id : sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: +91 9945143159
Landline No. (Office): 080-2594 3663

Address of the Branch :
STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH
No. 11/90, 3rd Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theatre,
J. C. Road, Bengaluru - 560 002.
Tel : 9945143159, E-mail Id: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in.

APPENDIX IV-A [See proviso to Rule 8(6)]
E-Auction on 22.04.2026
STATUTORY NOTICE FOR SALE UNDER SECURITY INTEREST (ENFORCEMENT) RULES, 2002.
E-auction SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF Immovable Properties UNDER THE SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT, 2002 READ WITH PROVISO Rule 6(2) & 9(1) of the security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and the Borrower/Mortgagors in particular that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Secured creditor, **State Bank of India, SARB, Bengaluru,** the actual Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of State Bank of India, Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** basis on **22-04-2026** for recovery of **Rs. 57,34,767/-** (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Thirty Four Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Seven only) as on 12.03.2026 and further interest from 13.02.2026 at contractual rate with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc. at contractual rate with incidental expenses, costs, charges etc., due to the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India from the **Borrower : Sri. Krishne Gowda M** S/o. Muniyappa **(A/c No's. 40633918401 / 40671169114)**

The Reserve Price, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), Bid increment amount and time of e-auction and last date for submission of EMD along with KYC documents for immovable properties to be sold will be as under :

Property No.	Reserve Price (below which the property will not be sold)	Earnest Money Deposit	Bid increment Amount	Date, Time of e-Auction of property	Last date for Submission of EMD along with KYC documents
1	Rs. 62,14,000/-	Rs. 6,21,400/-	Rs. 25,000/-	22.04.2026, 10:00 AM to 04.00 PM	On or before 21.04.2026 up to 05.00 P.M.

Property ID: SBIN85555288357

Description of the Immovable Property : Schedule 'A' Property : Agricultural residential Purpose vide Official Memorandum dated 11.03.2015 bearing No. ALN(HK): SR. 34/2014-15, issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Rural District) situated at # T, Kannurahalli Road, Block- 46, Ward- 31, Hoskote Town, Bangalore Rural District. and **bounded on the : East by :** Land in Survey Number 147, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Road, **South by :** Remaining Land the Survey Number 146/1.

Schedule 'B' Property : 510.8625 Sq. Feet undivided right, title and interest in the immovable Property mentioned in Schedule A Property above.

Schedule 'C' Property : Flat bearing No.106 in First Floor, measuring 1195 Sq. Feet Super Built-up Area, containing Two Bedrooms, RCC Roofing, Vitrified Flooring, Flush Doors and Aluminium Windows together with One Covered Car Parking Space, along with proportionate share in common areas such as Passages, Lifts, Lobbies, Staircase, in the Multi-storied Building over the Schedule A Property known as 'VR GOKULAM". **East by :** Flat No.105, **West by :** Open to Sky, **North by :** Wide Corridor, & **South by :** Open to Sky.

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER "SARFAESI" ACT, 2002.

The Borrowers/Mortgagor are hereby noticed to pay the sum mentioned above within 30 days from the date of publication of this notice failing which the Bank shall sell the properties as per the provisions laid down in the SARFAESI ACT, 2002.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor, represented by the Authorised Officer State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, J. C. Road, Bengaluru, represented by its Authorised Officer, i.e., **1) https://baanknet.com, 2) www.sbi.co.in**

Date and Time during which inspection of the immovable secured assets to be sold and intending bidders should satisfy themselves about the assets and their specification property may be visit **between 11 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.** on any day before the auction with prior appointment.

To the best of knowledge of the Authorised Officer, there is no encumbrance on any of the above said properties.

Date: 12.03.2026
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
State Bank of India, SARB, Bangalore

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

(A Government of India Undertaking)

Canara Bank,
ARM Branch I
2nd Floor, No. 86, Spencers Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore-560001.

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provisio to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured Creditor, the Physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of ARM Branch-1 (Earlier Agricultural finance Branch), Bengaluru of the Canara Bank, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **23.04.2026 (11.00 AM to 11.30 AM),** for recovery of **Rs. 2,19,99,934.62/-** as on 13.03.2026 with further interest and cost thereon due to the **ARM-1 Branch, Bengaluru of Canara Bank** from **1. Mr Abdul Gani, Abdul Sattar Madical,** Medical House, Bunder, Magdoom Colony, Bhatkal, Karnataka 581320. **2. Mrs. Shaiqa Abdul Gani Abdul Sattar,** Darul Tanseer, Opp Vaibhav Hotel, Nh-17, Bhatkal, Karnataka 581320. **3. Mr. Syed Mustaheeb,** No. 13, 2nd Floor, 5th Main Road, Opp. CSI Church, J C Nagar, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560006.

The Earnest Money shall be Deposited by way of E-Wallet of **M/s. PSB Alliance Private Limited (https://baanknet.com/)** portal directly or by generating the Challan therein to deposit the EMD through RTGS/NEFT in the account details as mentionedin the said challan on or before **22.04.2026, 5.00 pm.** **(Rs. in Lacs)**

Lot	Description of the immovable/ movable assets	Reserve Price Rs.	EMD Rs.	Incremental value Rs.
1	**FLAT No. FF02 : SCHEDULE A : Item No. 1 :** All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property being un developed residentially converted land bearing Sy.No.136/3 to an extent 26 guntas out of 32 guntas bearing khatha No. form (11) 8452 and form(9) 8300 and land in Sy.No 136/4 to an extent 25 guntas bearing khatha No. form (11) 8453 and form(9) 8301 in all measuring 1 acre and 11 guntas bearing and duly converted to residentially use as per the order bearing conversion order bearing no ALN(A)(A) SR :142/2013-14 DATED 03.01.2014 issued by the Deputy Commisioner, Bangalore. The building construction plan approved by BMRDA Vide Approval No. APA/CC/655/2014 -15 situated at Kammasandra Village, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Banglore District. **bounded on the : East by :** Land belonged to Pujarappa, **West by :** land belonged to Ramaswami (Now belonged to M/s S2 Homes) and Road, **North by :** Remaining extent of 6 guntas in Sy.No 136/3 belonged to S Ramareddy (Owner here in) and there after 20 feet Road, **South by :** Land belonged to Ramaiah. **Item No. 2 :** All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property being un developed residentially converted land bear

India drawn with China in Thomas & Uber Cup

The Indian men's and women's teams were handed a challenging draw alongside defending champions China on Wednesday for the 2026 Thomas and Uber Cup, to be held in Horsens, Denmark, from April 24 to May 3. Both the Indian teams are seeded eighth in the tournament based on their individual players world rankings.

FAST & CURIOUS

23-year-old Ashok, who can clock 150KPH, is gearing up for a full season with Gujarat Titans

GOMESH S @Chennai

PIC: GT

He has significantly improved his cricket. He even hit the 150KPH mark in SMAT. He will be an asset for the team in IPL

— Anshu Jain, Rajasthan coach

ANSHU Jain remembers when Akshay Sharma, elder brother of Rajasthan and Gujarat Titans pacer Ashok Sharma, came to talk to him during a selection match. By then, Jain, coach of Rajasthan, had seen and worked with Ashok at various age-groups. What he did not know were the sacrifices Akshay and his family had made for Ashok to pursue his dream.

Hailing from a farming family in Rampura village near Jaipur, Ashok and Akshay both played cricket growing up. Akshay was already a district-level player and Ashok followed his footsteps. However, because of financial constraints, only one of them could afford to pursue the dream of playing cricket. Akshay stepped aside, allowing Ashok to continue playing cricket. "His family has made a lot of sacrifices," Jain told this daily. "I remember when we were playing a tournament selection match, his brother came to meet me. He told me, 'the family has high expectations of him. We belong to a farmer's family. We don't have a lot of money, but we will do our best'. Later I got to know that his brother sacrificed his cricket so that Ashok can play," Jain said.

Even back then, Ashok was blessed with pace. Close to four years have passed and now, the 23-year-old is the rising pace bowling star in Indian cricket. He has made rapid strides over the last few years, consistently clocking high pace, including breaching the 150KPH mark in the recent Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy. It has not gone unnoticed. Ashok was called to for India A squad at the recent T20 World Cup warm-ups and he made a mark. In the two matches, he registered 2/17 and 1/24 in the team that also had the likes of Mayank Yadav and Khaleel Ahmed. Now, he is gearing up for a big season with Gujarat Titans. To come this far, Ashok has worked hard on control and discipline in the Rajasthan set up as well as while being part of Kolkata Knight Riders and Rajasthan Royals (he is yet to play a game in IPL). "He had raw pace," Jain remembered his first impression of Ashok in the Rajasthan U19 team. "Even then, he was bowling late 130 to early 140KPHs. That was an X-factor and I felt he can be a good prospect for the state team and country also. I spoke with the selectors and took him to the senior side so that even if he doesn't play, he will get to learn."

Even as he continued to learn from the sidelines, Ashok was still part of the U23 side. At the time, when he was leaking runs because of inconsistent lines and lengths, Jain told the selectors that those things can be taught, but his pace cannot be. "It is a rare thing. I always felt that such talent should be nurtured and not wasted. I used to back him with that thought. I felt that he has the ability to break partnerships and he can also contribute with the bat. He had the skill and technique, we worked on small things like release points but it is not easy. He should trust you. When his mind accepts that bowling fuller will increase the percentage of his wickets, (he will become a greater threat) as the stumps and LBW will be in play. It took some time but he understood it very quickly. When he was with the IPL team, he shared the dressing room with big players. When he got the same feedback from many places, his mind accepted it," Jain explained.

Soon the results followed as he did well for U23 and last season, he stepped up in the absence of senior pacers like Deepak Chahar and Khaleel, taking 14 wickets in four Ranji games. He also finished as the joint leading wicket-taker of the SMAT tournament with 22 in ten matches. A shy, reserved youngster off the field, Ashok's values stemmed from his family and the sacrifices they have made. Former Rajasthan cricketer and Ashok's mentor at Aravali Cricket Academy Vivek Yadav, who passed away during Covid-19 pandemic, also had a massive influence on the youngster. "He has his own values. He respects the elders, the game, opponents... he is a very down to earth person. He doesn't express himself much off the field and saves it for when he gets on the ground," Jain said. As the 23-year-old gears up for what could be a full-fledged IPL season, Jain believes Ashok is ready for the big stage.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Virat Kohli (centre) during a practice session at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru on Wednesday | EXPRESS

Fresh start: Royal Challengers return to Chinnaswamy after nine months

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

ONE of the last times members of the Royal Challenges Bengaluru were inside the famous old precinct, they had gathered to celebrate an enormous achievement. IPL champions. But on June 4, disaster had struck the cricket-loving city as 11 people lost their lives in a stampede just outside the M Chinnaswamy Stadium. After undertaking necessary developments to prevent such scenes from playing out again, the Stadium got the nod to host their beloved team this year as well.

Rest assured, it will be a carnival on March 28. But there will be a sombre moment or two, to reflect and remember but never forget. That, though, is in the future. Ten days from now. On Wednesday, there was a small but significant first step. The RCB contingent — both playing and non-playing — began their final pre-season camp before the 19th edition of the league begins there next Saturday.

Virat Kohli, who has called this Stadium his address for 70 days every year since 2008, was there. Being put through his paces, testing the acoustics of his bat. Some of the new players, including England's Jordan Cox, were also present, shadowing RCB's crown jewel.

Freddie Wilde, the brains behind the franchise's number-crunching wing, was surveilling the early birds. Devdutt Padikkal, his bat full of domestic runs in the months gone by, was wearing the side's familiar red and gold.

After nine months out, it was the first day back at school. But the headmaster was missing. Skipper Rajat Patidar, however, is expected to make his presence felt in the next day or so.

Kishan SRH interim captain

Sunrisers Hyderabad have named India wicketkeeper-batter Ishan Kishan as interim captain for the early part of this season with Abhishek Sharma as his deputy, while Pat Cummins recovers from his injury. Cummins has been sidelined with a stress injury on his lower back. SRH did not specify the number of matches Cummins is set to miss.

Jansen to join PBKS late

Punjab Kings head coach Ricky Ponting has approved the late arrival Marco Jansen. South Africa and West Indies players were stuck in India for more than a week after concluding their World Cup campaigns due to restricted operations of major airports amid the West Asia conflict. Jansen will join the squad on March 26.

(With inputs from PTI).

IOA to name EFI's ad-hoc committee soon

INDRANEEL DAS @Chennai

OF late, there have been quite a few National Sports Federations that are in a state of flux. Either the NSF is disputed or there are intense internal fights going on within. Despite the National Sports Governance Act and Rules that have been notified since January, there seems to be no let up.

Such has been the rumblings within the NSFs that either the sports ministry or the court had to step in and ask Indian Olympic Association to form ad-hoc committees. There are at least 12 Olympic sports that are facing issues. What seems more baffling is that even after the National Sports Governance Act and Rules, the sports ministry is not being able to rein them in. Recently, the sports ministry had sent a few letters to IOA to form ad-hoc committees in sports like kabaddi, handball. The Delhi High Court, on the other hand, has asked them to form an ad-hoc panel in equestrian. Indian Golf Union has multiple factions. Latest on the list of distressed NSF is the Table Tennis Federation of India. What seems even more intriguing is that the sports ministry had to invoke provisions of the 2011 National Sports Development Code of India while requesting the IOA to form ad-hoc panels.

It is understood that the IOA has been pulled up by the court for not forming the Equestrian Federation of India (EFI) ad-hoc panel on time during a hearing on Wednesday. The court through an order dated February 18 had asked them to form the panel. The IOA, on their part, felt that they are well on course to form the panel. "The Indian Olympic Association shall forthwith appoint an Ad-Hoc Committee to take over the administration of EFI. The present Executive Committee of EFI shall hand over charge to the Ad-Hoc Committee within seven days from the date of its appointment," said the order. However, the IOA has not appointed an ad-hoc committee for now. According to an official in the know of things, the IOA is planning to have at least three members (could be five too) in the panel to run the day to day affairs of the EFI, including selection. The court said since the tenure of the EFI had expired it cannot function and directed the IOA to form an ad-hoc committee. The IOA is in consultation with the international equestrian federation so that there is no objection from their side. Apparently this too is taking time. In case of karate, the sports ministry had written to the IOA saying, "...at present, there are multiple bodies such as All India Karate-Do Federation (AIKDF), Karate Association of India (KAI), Karate India Organisation (KIO) and Karate India." And the ministry recognises no one.

Full story: newindianexpress.com

Unsettled accounts: 30th reminder to Bajrang

FIROZ MIRZA @Chennai

ALMOST a year ago, a financial audit of Sports Authority of India (SAI) revealed that over 300 athletes, including Olympic medallists, did not furnish bills to the tune of Rs 8 crore. The matter was discussed in Mission Olympic Cell's meeting then. The elite athletes, who failed to submit their bills, included Tokyo Olympic medallists like weightlifter Mirabai Chanu and wrestler Bajrang Punia apart from two-time World Championships medallist Vinesh Phogat, also a grappler.

A year later, a few athletes including Punia apparently still had not submitted bills. On March 10, Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS) of SAI sent Punia an email as a reminder for settlement. Punia's outstanding invoices were Rs 12,53,161 in April last year. It's now Rs 9,40,800. The unsettled amount is the fund sanctioned by the TOPS towards his training camp in Dagestan, Russia from April 24 to May 28, 2024.

Interestingly, the fund was sanctioned on April 18, the same day Punia was served a whereabouts failure notice. The wrestler was provisionally suspended by National Anti-Doping Authority (NADA) till December 31, 2024 five days later i.e on April 23. The wrestler later clarified to the media that he was surprised when SAI cleared his Russia trip and added that he had cancelled his plan.

The mail sent to Punia on March 10 is the 30th reminder from the TOPS. The first mail was sent on August 30, 2024. "This is a gentle reminder in reference to certain funds sanctioned by TOPS towards the training camp in Dagestan, from 24th April, 2024 to 28th May (35 days) remain unsettled," read the mail. As per the mail, the funds (Rs 7,93,800 and Rs 1,47,000 that add up to Rs 9,40,800) were sanctioned as a financial assistance to Punia, along with his strength and conditioning expert Kaazi Kiron Mustafa Hasan, personal coach Ali Shabanau, sparring partner Jitender and physiotherapist Anuj Gupta towards the training camp in Dagestan, Russia from 24th April, 2024 to 28th May 2024 (35 days). "You are kindly requested to submit an amount of ₹9,40,800 in the accounts of the secretary, Sports Authority of India for final settlement. Your cooperation in this regard will be highly appreciated," said the mail.

Punia didn't pick up calls nor did not respond to messages sent to him in this regard. Notably, Punia along with Vinesh and Rio Olympic bronze medallist Sakshi Malik spearheaded a campaign against former chief of Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh three years ago levelling several allegations including sexual harassment against him. The matter is pending in court. "Usually, the federation concerned is also kept in loop when TOPS sends such recovery mails. We received such mails for other wrestlers as well in the past but of late, the mail is for Bajrang. I think others have settled their accounts by submitting bills and only Bajrang is left now. Again, that is what we are assuming given the mail this time," a WFI official told this daily.

KEY DETAILS

- Over 300 elite athletes including Mirabai Chanu, Saina Nehwal and Vinesh Phogat didn't furnish bills till April 2025
- It came to notice during SAI's audit and discussed during the Mission Olympic Cell meeting last year
- ₹8.78 crore was the total amount of unsettled bills
- ₹9 lakh still pending from Bajrang

30 No. of times the wrestler has been sent reminders

Strict SAI policy?

The Sports Authority of India and its Target Olympic Podium Scheme have been quite active since last year to settle outstanding bills. Not just Bajrang, they have sent notices to top athletes including shuttlers and tennis players. The issue of not settling accounts has been plaguing SAI for quite some time and it is understood that since last year they have taken a call to be strict. Release of funds could be subject to settlement of bills.

EXPRESS READ

Tanvi, Anmol advance; Srikanth crashes out

ORLEANS: Youngsters Tanvi Sharma and Anmol Kharb advanced while Kidambi Srikanth lost in the Orleans Masters Badminton. Tanvi was leading 21-18, 14-12 against Supanida Katethong of Thailand when the latter retired. Srikanth lost 12-21, 10-21 Magnus Johannesen. Anmol, meanwhile, beat Neslihan Arin.

Humpy still unsure of Candidates participation

NEW DELHI: Indian Grandmaster Koneru Humpy is still undecided about competing at the prestigious Candidates Tournament in Cyprus this month but reiterated her concerns regarding the safety situation in the host country amid the West Asia conflict. The Candidates is scheduled to begin on March 28.

Indian Open squash: Semwal wins thriller

MUMBAI: In a nail-biting finish, India's Om Semwal emerged victorious in a five-game thriller against Sebastian Salazar in the JSW Indian Open on Wednesday. Semwal held his nerve in the decisive moments to clinch a hard-fought 3-2 victory. Meanwhile, Egypt's Yassin Shohdy beat Manuel Paquemar.

Senegal demand probe over AFCON decision

PARIS: Senegal's government said it wanted an "independent international investigation" into corruption after its national team were sensationally stripped of the Africa Cup of Nations title with the Confederation of African Football (CAF) declaring Morocco champions, two months after their chaotic final.

PGTI Open set to kick-start from today

ENS @New Delhi

THE DP World Profession Golf Tour of India (DP World PGTI), along with HotelPlanner Tour, jointly launched the PGTI Open, which is set to begin on Thursday at the Classic Golf & Country Club near Gurugram.

The event, with a total prize purse of USD 300,000, will conclude on Sunday, March 22. The tournament will feature leading Indian professionals Yuvraj Sandhu, Veer Ahlawat, Om Prakash Chouhan, Manu Gandas, Shaurya Bhattacharya, Honey Baisoya and Angad Cheema.

The event will be played in the stroke-play format consisting of four rounds of 18 holes each. The top 60 players and ties will make the cut after two rounds. The par for the course is 72.

PGTI's last event, which featured a total of 143 Players (28 foreign nationals), was held at Ahmedabad from March 12 to 15.

FOOTBALL

PSG, Real Madrid & Arsenal march into Champions League last eight

AGENCIES @Paris

HOLDERS Paris Saint-Germain, record 15-time winners Real Madrid and Arsenal surged into the quarterfinals of the Champions League on Tuesday, while Sporting produced a brilliant comeback in Portugal to end Bodo/Glimt's remarkable run.

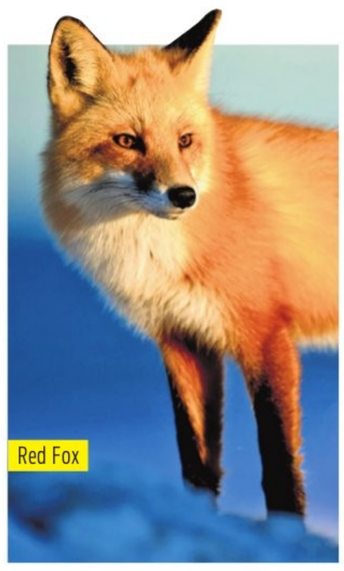
PSG crushed Chelsea 3-0 in London to claim a 8-2 aggregate victory in their last-16 tie. Khvicha Kvaratskhelia followed his first-leg double by opening the scoring on six minutes at Stamford Bridge, with Chelsea defender Mamadou Sarr misjudging a long ball on his Champions League debut and then being outmuscled by the Georgian who applied the finish. Bradley Barcola fired in a brilliant second goal from an Achraf Hakimi assist, and the home fans were streaming for the exits when substitute Senny Mayulu swept in PSG's third on the night.

Chelsea were not the only English club to be eliminated on Tuesday, with Manchester City losing 2-1 at home to Real as they went out 5-1 on aggregate. Real led 3-0 from the first leg in Spain, where Federico Valverde scored a hat-trick, and their qualification was never in doubt after City's Bernardo Silva was sent off on 20 minutes for stopping a goal-bound Vinicius Junior shot on the line with his arm.

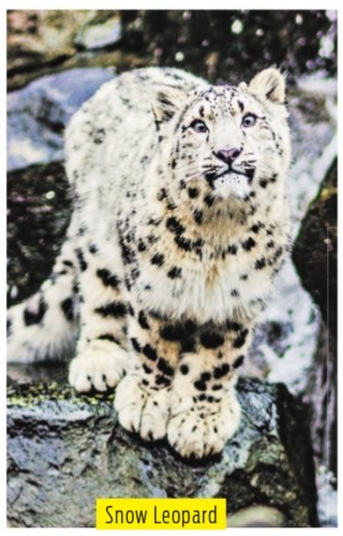
Real Madrid's Vinicius Junior (R) scores against Man City on Tuesday | AP

Vinicius converted the penalty, and Pep Guardiola's side had too much to do, even if Erling Haaland levelled the scores on the night before half-time with his 30th goal this season. Vinicius scored again in stoppage time to seal the win on the night. Premier League leaders Arsenal's dream of a quadruple remains alive after they beat Bayer Leverkusen 2-0 at the Emirates Stadium for a 3-1 aggregate success.

Tuesday's results: Sporting **5-0** Bodo/Glimt (AET); *Sporting win **5-3** on aggregate.* Arsenal **2-0** Bayer Leverkusen; *Arsenal win **3-1** on aggregate.* Chelsea **0-3** PSG; *PSG win 8-2 on aggregate.* Man City **1-2** Real Madrid; *Real Madrid win **5-1** on aggregate.*



Red Fox



Snow Leopard

GLIMPSE OF THE GHOST

Here are the top six destinations to spot the snow leopards across the mountains of India...

Ibex

Brown Bear

SPOTTER'S SHEET

Best time to visit: November to March

Best Time of Day: Dawn (6:00 AM – 9:00 AM) & Dusk (4:00 PM – 6:30 PM)

What to carry: Four layer clothing, gaiters, binoculars and thermos with ginger-lemon-honey tea

SRUSHTI KULKARNI

SPOTTING the elusive 'Ghost of the Mountains' is less of a traditional safari and more of a high-altitude pilgrimage. The snow leopards in India demand a journey into the Trans-Himalayas during the peak season, which pushes the predators' prey down to lower valleys, giving a higher chance of sighting. Otherwise, these incredibly shy animals actively avoid human presence and thanks to their fur (a smoky grey-yellow, dappled with black rosettes), which perfectly mimics the shadows and textures of jagged Himalayan rock and lichen, one can look directly at them from a few meters away and still not see them until they move. And they will be long gone before you even know they were there. While waiting for the cat, keep an eye out for other wildlife residents such as Tibetan Wolf, Himalayan Ibex, *Bharal* (Blue Sheep), Golden Eagle, Lammergeier and Red Fox.

Hemis National Park

This destination is known as the 'Snow Leopard Capital of the World.' It has the highest density of these cats and a legendary success rate of sightings, too. Situated in the high-altitude desert of Ladakh, it isn't just a park; it's a specialised ecosystem that has become the premier global site for spoting these cats. Relatively close to Leh, this is the most accessible remote spot, boasting Rumbak Valley. Hemis is also the only place in India where you can find this rare mountain sheep — *Shapu* (Ladakhi Urial). The local Ladakhi villagers, once hunters, are now the world's best conservationists and spotters.

Pin Valley National Park

If you want to photograph a leopard stalking an Ibex on a vertical cliff, this is the place. Known for its population of Siberian Ibex, the park in Himachal Pradesh is part of a massive, connected wilderness that includes the Great Himalayan National Park and the Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary. During the peak season, the Pin River often freezes and local trackers use the riverbed to follow fresh pugmarks in the snow that lead directly to the *nullahs* (narrow valleys) where leopards hide during the day. Pin Valley offers surreal vistas of multi-coloured rock formations and the biosphere reserve is also home to the Kungri Monastery

Gangotri National Park

Located in the Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand, the park is home to the Gaumukh Glacier, the primary source of the Bhagirathi River and the most iconic peaks in the Himalayas, including Shivling, Thalay Sagar and Bhagirathi I, II and III. The Nelang Valley within the park (opened to tourists relatively recently) remains less crowded than Ladakh. There is also a good chance of sighting the rare Himalayan Brown Bear and Musk Deer, besides the big cat.

Namdapha National Park

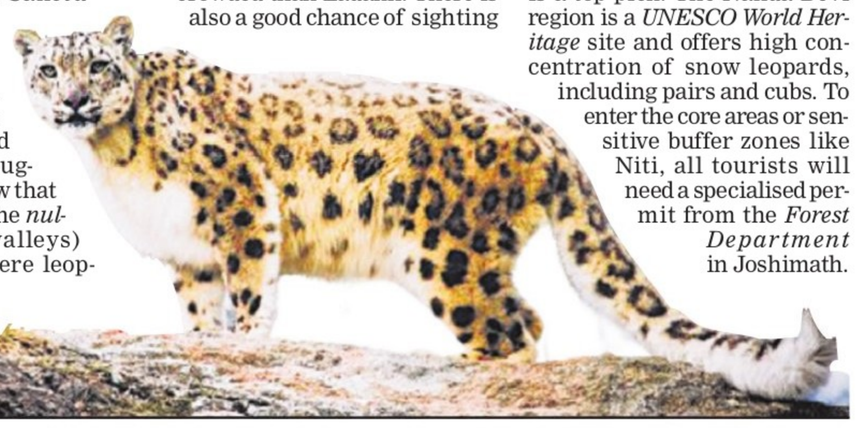
While it's extremely difficult to spot them in Namdapha due to the dense jungle-to-alpine transition, it is the only place on Earth where you can theoretically find four big cats (Tiger, Leopard, Clouded Leopard and Snow Leopard) in one park. Head to this park in Arunachal Pradesh, which is one of the best places to see the Western Hoolock Gibbon, Namdapha Flying Squirrel and so much more. Unlike the parks in North India, where you sit in a Jeep, Namdapha is a trekking park and with the Noa-Dihing River flowing, here travellers prefer to camp in the forest and trek through thick bamboo and evergreen canopies.

Spiti Valley

Kibber and Chicham areas of Spiti are distinct and arguably offer even better sighting opportunities due to the high density of Asiatic Ibex. Spiti's terrain is characterised by massive, deep gorges and Snow Leopards often hunt along the rims of these cliffs, providing lucky eye-level viewing across the canyons. In Kibber Wildlife Sanctuary, leopards have been known to stroll surprisingly close to the villages. March also happens to be mating months here, which means solitary leopards become more active and vocal, frequently calling out to find mates, which makes them much easier for trackers to locate.

Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve

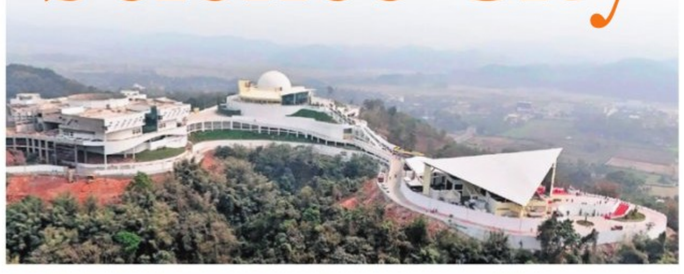
Uttarakhand has the second-highest population of snow leopards in India and this park housing Niti Valley, Pindari Valley and Govind Pashu Vihar, is a top pick. The Nanda Devi region is a *UNESCO World Heritage* site and offers high concentration of snow leopards, including pairs and cubs. To enter the core areas or sensitive buffer zones like Niti, all tourists will need a specialised permit from the *Forest Department* in Joshimath.



Brown Bear

This massive 'edutainment' hub is designed to compete with India's top-tier attractions, offering an experience that blends high-tech simulations with the natural beauty of Sonapur

ASSAM'S NEWEST TOURIST SPOT IS A Science City



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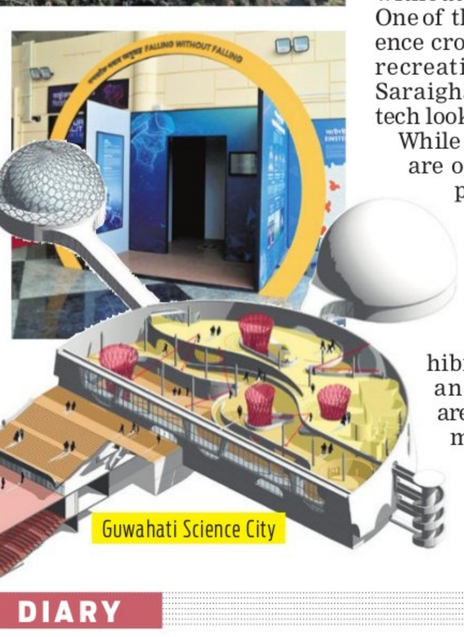
WHETHER you are a family traveller, a student or a science enthusiast, this summer vacation, head to the new Guwahati Science City in Sonapur, which is a new addition to Northeast India's tourism and educational landscape. Strategically located in Tepesia, Sonapur (roughly 25 km from the main city), this 82-acre complex is officially the largest science centre in the region, surpassing even the famous Science City in Kolkata in terms of land area.

The facility is designed as a world-class interactive hub, blending traditional exhibits with cutting-edge technology. The Space Odyssey Gallery is a major highlight featuring immersive simulations. Visitors can experience realistic space travel, lunar missions and Mars explorations. It includes a Digital Planetarium that uses high-fidelity projections to simulate the night sky and cosmic journeys. The Eureka Pavilion focuses on the fundamental principles of physics and natural science. It is highly interactive, allowing visitors to engage with hands-on experiments involving motion, sound, light and energy.



Guwahati Science City

The centre utilises Augmented Reality (AR) and Virtual Reality (VR) to bring Assam's natural beauty to life. Tourists can visit Kaziranga National Park virtually, observing its biodiversity and the one-horned rhinoceros in detail without leaving the campus. One of the unique cultural-science crossovers is a scientific recreation of the Battle of Saraighat, providing a high-tech look at Assam's history.

While the primary galleries are open, the 82-acre campus is being developed in stages. Upcoming features include a Science Discovery Centre dedicated to innovation and advanced research exhibits and a Science Park, an expansive outdoor area featuring large-scale mechanical displays and scientific installations set amidst the lush greenery of Sonapur.

India's favourite summer holiday destination for 2026

WHY THE ANDAMAN ISLANDS ARE CURRENTLY AMONG THE MOST TRENDING DESTINATIONS AND WHAT IS NEW TO EXPLORE THERE...

Barren Island

Luxe resort

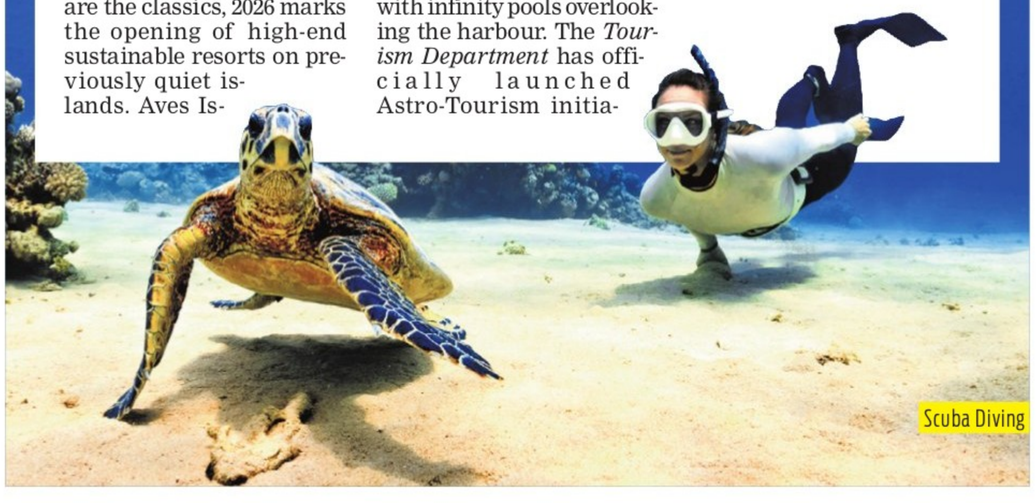
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

GIVEN the airspace closure, fuel price surges and restricted destinations — more travellers are looking inward this Summer and are bound to land at the Indian archipelago. Bookings to the Andaman Islands have seen a significant increase this month and the archipelago is currently experiencing a surge in demand. While the destination itself is not new, it has several new things to offer. The islands are undergoing a Maldives-style makeover, shifting from budget backpacker vibes to high-end eco-luxury and high-tech exploration.

While Havelock and Neil are the classics, 2026 marks the opening of high-end sustainable resorts on previously quiet islands. Aves Island & Smith Island have welcomed several new eco-luxury resorts that give you a private island feel with zero day-trippers. Thanks to its much quieter ambience and new boutique villas near Lalaji Bay, Long Island is being positioned as the 'new Havelock.' The popular Megapode Resort, the iconic government property in Sri Vijaya Puram, is been completely redeveloped into a 5-star heritage luxury resort with infinity pools overlooking the harbour. The *Tourism Department* has officially launched Astro-Tourism initiatives. They are currently training numerous Astro-Guides at Little Andaman and Mayabunder, focusing on night sky observation, telescope handling and sustainable tourism practices, taking advantage of the islands' zero light pollution. While it existed before, new official safety guidelines have standardised Night Sea Kayaking tours, making them more accessible for watching bioluminescence.

A new Roots of Life mangrove trail has opened at Wright Myo Creek, focusing on eco-education and bird watching. There has also been an overwhelming demand to visit Barren Island ever since the government increased the frequency of cruises to South Asia's only active volcano this month due to record-breaking interest.

Lastly, The new terminal at Sri Vijaya Puram is now hosting more international charters, including direct links from Southeast Asian countries.



Scuba Diving

TRAVEL DIARY

WALK THROUGH ACTUAL EXCAVATION PITS AT ADICHANALLUR MUSEUM

Located on the banks of the Thamirabarani River in Tamil Nadu, Adichanallur is a premier Iron Age archaeological site. The innovative on-site museum allows visitors to traverse the 3,000-year-old burial grounds via glass-bottomed paths, offering an immersive view of ancient excavation pits. Beneath your feet lie remarkably preserved megalithic urns, skeletal remains and iron artefacts exactly where they were unearthed. This in-situ experience provides a rare, direct connection to early Tamil civilization and its sophisticated funerary customs.

EXPERIENCE THIS ANCIENT HARAPPAN MARVEL IN GUJARAT

The National Maritime Heritage Complex in Lothal, Gujarat, to soon unveil several attractions alongside an elevated boardwalk that spans the world's oldest known artificial dockyard. This 4,500-year-old Harappan engineering marvel, constructed from kiln-burnt bricks, will remain untouched as visitors traverse the site. The walkway offers an aerial perspective of the inlet channels and stone anchors used by Indus Valley mariners. It provides a non-invasive, immersive experience, preserving the integrity of this Bronze Age port for future generations.

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DAY'S DIARY

The Hitler move

On this day in 1945, Adolf Hitler issued his infamous 'Nero Decree,' which orders the destruction of all industries in Germany

THE EFFECT

The leader of Nazism wanted all German industries and infrastructures to be destroyed in order to prevent them from being used by the allied forces

REASON BEHIND DECREE

On the Eastern front, the Red Army was quickly conquering those countries that Germany had previously seized during the first years of World War II

AFTERMATH

The Decree was issued six weeks before the collapse of the Nazi regime. As allied troops closed in, Hitler's authority was rapidly eroding

CE's curated list of happenings in city!

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HUB OF HABBAS!

With Ugadi, Gudi Padwa, Ramadan and Nowruz falling around the same time, Bengaluru embraces a season of shared traditions and cultures

ANJALI RAM

IT'S that time of the year again. Staying true to the core essence of Bengaluru, a city that holds together varied cultures, religions and traditions, the festive calendar is bringing multiple celebrations at once this week. Starting from Karnataka's New Year, Ugadi and Maharashtra's Gudi Padwa on Thursday to the holy month of Ramadan being observed alongside the Persian Nowruz – each festival is rooted in its own culture and tradition. As Bengaluru gets immersed in this festival mood, prominent personalities across the city from different communities share what these celebrations mean to them and the traditions they hold close to their hearts.

Aditi Prabhudeva, actor

Ugadi is a time of renewal and joy. We begin the day with a traditional oil massage and bath, wear new clothes and decorate the house with mango leaves. One of the most special rituals is sharing neem and jaggery, which symbolises accepting both the bitterness and sweetness of life with balance. We also prepare traditional dishes like holige and other festive sweets. As a child, Ugadi felt exciting because my mother handled all the preparations while we simply enjoyed wearing new clothes and celebrating. Now, as a parent, the celebrations have evolved. I take on the responsibility of decorating the house and planning everything so my child can enjoy the festival and understand its meaning and traditions. Every year, I set resolutions for growth and self-improvement, hoping to become a better version of myself by the next Ugadi.

Ambika Raje Ghorpade, Sandur royal family

According to Hindu mythology, **Gudi Padwa** is considered the auspicious day when Brahma created the universe. The gudi itself is seen as a symbol of victory over evil and also commemorates the coronation of Lord Rama. The celebrations in our family begin early in the morning. Each member starts the day with a bath using ubtan, a special paste made with almonds, besan, sandalwood and turmeric. We decorate the entrance with rangolis and hang mango leaf torans before hoisting the gudi, which marks the beginning of the festival. After the rituals, the family gathers to enjoy a traditional meal, also featuring puran poli, a Maharashtrian delicacy made with lentils and jaggery. It's a mix of flavours and symbolises the many flavours of life. My fondest memories are of family gatherings, new clothes, morning rituals and the joy of celebrating together.

Phirooza Noshir Rustumji, restaurateur

Nowruz is about celebrating life, harvest and togetherness. We begin the day with prayers and prepare the Haft-Seen table, which symbolises prosperity. The table is decorated with colours like red, gold and white, representing wealth, health and happiness. We put out a large spread – from pulao and kheema pav to dishes like sali boti (potato and mutton) and egg preparations such as sali idu, tomato idu and bhaji idu. Desserts like laganu custard, falooda and ravo are also part of the feast. This year, however, it may be quieter due to the West Asia tension. We will light candles, pray for peace and feed the poor – for all who lost their lives and loved ones.

Rida Tharana, content creator

Living in the city by myself, I miss the warmth of being around my family and my mom's food. Back home, when it was time to break our fast, all of us would gather in the kitchen and start prepping samosas, cutlets, chicken pockets, and every other day, we would come up with a new dish. As kids, we saw our parents fasting during **Ramadan** and wanted to try it too. Now that we're far away from home, it's something we don't want to miss. We know our parents are fasting, so we fast here and video call each other to see what everyone has made for iftar. There's a strong sense of connection in that moment. It brings back so many childhood memories. I look forward to the whole month. And when it comes to Eid, we have a strict rule – everyone has to be back home, dress up, apply mehendi, take pictures and have fun together. It's such a vibe.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'** Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Thursday.

THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

1) Malleswaram; 2)Rajajinagar; 3) Indian Institute of Science

FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Saraswathi; 2) Pyngoth Karunakaran; 3) Abhay Prakash

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MTR KARUNADU SWADA 2026 SERVES KARNATAKA'S HERITAGE ON A PLATE THIS UGADI

Step into the vibrant world of Karnataka's food and culture as MTR brings alive Karunadu Swada –Ugadi Special Edition, a one-day culinary celebration rooted in authenticity, tradition, and legacy. Woven into Karnataka's cultural fabric for more than a century, MTR curates the Karunadu Swada experience to celebrate the state's rich culinary heritage and deliver an authentic taste of its diverse flavours.

Taking place on 21 March 2026 at Sahakar Nagar Ground, the festival is designed to be an immersive journey through Karnataka's regional cuisines, celebrating not just food but the stories, traditions, and cultural nuances that define each dish. Inspired by the festive spirit of Ugadi, MTR Karunadu Swada brings together over 40 authentic dishes and traditional sweets, representing the distinct culinaryidentities of North Karnataka, South Karnataka, and Kodagu.

From the bold, rustic flavours of North Karnataka to the refined, royal dishes of south Karnataka and the rich, aromatic influences of coastal and Kodava cuisines, every element of the festival reflects the depth and diversity of Karnataka's gastronomic legacy. Adding to this experience are MTR's iconic signature offerings, including the legendary Rava Idli, which symbolises the brand's enduring contribution to preserving and popularising Karnataka's culinary traditions.More than just a food festival, MTR Karunadu Swada is envisioned as a vibrant cultural gathering, bringing together families, food lovers, and communities to celebrate Ugadi through authentic cuisine,

shared heritage, and the timeless joy of coming together.

WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Divine Tales

Immerse yourself in a grand retelling of Lord Krishna's journey, where music, dance and storytelling come together in a visually rich spectacle. The theatrical production traces his life from playful beginnings to divine leadership, merging tradition with theatrical brilliance.

WHEN: March 19, 7pm
WHERE: Prestige Centre for Performing Arts, Konanakunte
CALL: 99001 51383

Festive Oota

Celebrate Ugadi with an indlugent South Indian spread featuring dishes like Ugadi pachadi, mavinakayi kosambari, bale hannu dose, kumbalakai majjige huli and holige rassa, ending with obbattu and sabakki payasa.

WHEN: March 19, 12.30 pm
WHERE: Dakshin, ITC Windsor, Sankey Road
CALL: 080 2226 9898

Ugadi Indulgence

Savour a festive spread that celebrates Ugadi through its rich flavours. Explore a wholesome oota, savour every bite, and soak in the warmth of the New Year spirit. Entry is allowed for all ages and tickets are required for ages 5 and above.

WHEN: March 19, 12.30pm
WHERE: Asia Alive, Sarjapura
CALL: 80676 56565

Literary Evening

Join for the launch of Nichham Posathu (Ever New), a video podcast series on Kannada Jain literature by Professor **Hampa Nagarajaiah**. Literary critics Ashadevi and Manu N Chakravarthy and poet, HN Arathi, will speak at the occasion. Be part of an evening celebrating great Kannada Jain poets and their major works.

WHEN: March 19, 5.30pm
WHERE: Indian Institute of World Culture, Basavanagudi, **CALL:** 080 2667 8581

Rhythmic Movements

Experience a captivating traditional dance performance that draws you into a world of rhythm, grace and storytelling. Featuring legends and seasoned artists like Padmini Ravi, P Praveen Kumar, Prathibha Prahlad and **Lakshmi Gopalaswamy**, the show adds depth and vibrance to festival celebrations.

WHEN: March 20, 9.30am
WHERE: JSS Auditorium, Jayanagar
CALL: 80888 57541

Art of Nature

Explore Pockets of Resistance, where artist Kapila Nahender brings focus to greenery thriving within the city. Through textured oil paintings, the show captures the quiet adaptation and growth of plants in urban spaces

WHEN: March 20, 11am
WHERE: Venkatappa Art Gallery, Kasturba Road
DETAILS: venkatappaartgallery.com

Rock Revival

Turn up the nostalgia with a tribute night that brings iconic rock and retro hits back to life. Join the crowd, feel the rhythm and immerse yourself in an evening of pure musical throwback.

WHEN: March 19,8pm
WHERE: SkyDeck by Sherlock's, MG Road **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

MISS-FIT

Wanitha Ashok

The expert is a Fit India Movement Ambassador and celebrity fitness coach

Many youngsters copy influencers' workouts. How safe is this?

- Influencer workouts are built for visibility not sustainability. They don't know you personally so it would be a mistake to follow these visually appealing, high intensity workouts blindly.
- Training history, fitness level and injuries are often not kept in mind while showing these workouts online.
- Fitness influencers already have a conditioned body. They may look easy but right alignment, control, movement and muscle engagement are not to be overlooked.

ASK AN XPERT

- Following these workouts without structured variations won't help.
- They almost address recovery, sleep, and nutrition. Copying volume without understanding recovery may result in injuries.
- Online content can be a good entry point but choose basic, simple exercises.
- If you are serious about results, opt for personalised workouts. It isn't a luxury, it's a necessity.

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANISH KUMAR SRIVASTAVA** (New Name) aged about 47 years, S/o. Nawal Kishor Prasad, residing at #43/1, 1st Floor, Shree Sai, 5th Main, 7th Cross, Krishnappa Block, Ganganagar, Bengaluru 560032, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MANISH KUMAR SRIVASTAV** (old name) to **MANISH KUMAR SRIVASTAVA** (new name), henceforth I shall be known and called as **MANISH KUMAR SRIVASTAVA** (new name) for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 18th March 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MEER HASSAN** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, No JC139025X, Ex-Sub **GOPAL POOBALAN**, residing at #75, Venkataswamy Street, Venkataswamy Layout, Subbayana Palya, Bengaluru North, Maruthi Seva Nagar Post, Bengaluru 560033, have changed the name of my wife from **RAMAJAYAM** to **A RAMAJAYA**, vide Affidavit Dated: 17/03/2026, sworn before XXIX Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengaluru City.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **M Ananda**, S/o Late Muniyappa, R/at. No.9, Maruthi Nilaya, III Cross, Ist Main, AECS Main Road, Sanjayanagar, Opp. Rajmahal High School, Bengaluru North, RMV Extention, II stage, Bengaluru – 560 094 now onwards I have changed my name from **ANAND M** , DOB: 18.10.1963 changed to **M ANANDA**, DOB: 10.05.1963 . I shall hereafter be known as **M Ananda** for all other practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 17-03-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **VANI .G.K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VIMALA CHANNARAYAPATNA SRIKANTAIAH**, W/o.N.Nagaraj, aged about 80 years, R/at #21, Anjanadri Shop Street, Opp to APS College Compound, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru 560004, Karnataka, have changed my name to **VIMALA NAGARAJ**, vide dated: 18-03-2026 before Notary **MEER HASSAN**, Bangalore.

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CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) KASHAVVA,** mother of No.15329498Y, HAV, IRAPPA KOTRASHETTI, residing at Mugalihal (Post), Yaragatti (Taluk), Belagavi (Dist), KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 591129, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) KASHAVVA GURUSIDDAPPA KOTRASHETTI** And **DOB** from **01.07.1958** to **04.06.1962** Vide Affidavit Dated 17.03.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ARUNAGIRI GANESAN** Residing at No. 550, Reliable Dollor Colony, Phase 2 E, Gattahalli, Bangalore – 560 099. hereby state that in my son **SHARRVESH A P** and daughter **ATMIKHA A's** school record Father name is mentioned as **ARUNAGIRI G** instead of **ARUNAGIRI GANESAN**, Mother name is mentioned as **RAJPRIYA** instead of **D RAJPRIYA**, my son name is mentioned as **SHARRVESH ARUNAGIRI PILLAI** instead of **SHARRVESH A P.** Names have been rectified as above vide affidavit dated 17-03-2026 before notary B. Chitra, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANAND RAO.S** S/o Sajjan, aged about 51 years, Residing at No.C218, 2nd Floor, Fortuna Canter, Canara Bank Layout, Vidyaranyapura Post, Bengaluru - 560097, have changed my name from **ANAND.S** to **ANAND RAO.S.** vide affidavit dated 17.03.2026 sworn to before K.C. Chowde Gowda, Advocate & Notary Public Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MS. GOUTHAMI AMBIKA** D/o Mr. S. Umapathi, aged about 32 years, presently residing at Merzhausener Strasse, 12A, 61389 Schmitten im Taunus, permanently residing at G902, pride pristine Vasundhara layout, Ananthanagar, Bangalore-560100, I hereby state and declare that **GOUTHAMI AMBIKA** is my true and correct name and that **GOUTHAMI UMAPATHI AMBIKA** and **GOUTHAMI AMBIKA** refer to one and the same person i.e., myself. vide affidavit dated: 17.03.2026 before Advocate and Notary Manohara Jeerige, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **(1) VENKATA NAGA DURGA KIRAN ALWALA,** S/o A. Srinivas Gandhi, aged about 47 years, and **(2) USHA RANI AYYALASOMAYAJULA**, w/o Venkata Naga Durga Kiran Alwala, aged about 47 years, both R/at No. 1498, E-Block, AECS Layout, Kundanahalli, PO: Marathahalli Colony, Bangalore-560037 do hereby declare that in our daughter's CBSE Class 10th Marks card, our names have been recorded incorrectly as **KIRAN AVND** and **USHARANI.A**, instead of **VENKATA NAGA DURGA KIRAN ALWALA** and **USHA RANI AAYYALASOMAYAJULA.** The same has been amended accordingly vide affidavit dated 16th March 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. DAYANANDA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RASHMI PK,** W/o Late Sandeep Kalburgi, age 37 years, R/at NO.T4, Vijaya Galaxy Apartment, 8th Cross, 11th Main, Maruthinagar, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560079 do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **SAARA SANDEEP KALBURGI** to **SAARA R KULKARNI**, henceforth she shall be known and called as **SAARA R KULKARNI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 17-03-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. DAYANANDA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) S SUBRAMANIAN,** father of No.15327251Y, HAV, S SENTHIL KUMAR, residing at House No.359/1B-2, Kavitha Nagar, First Street, Chettipalayam (Vill), Anupparpalayam (Post), Tiruppur North (Tehsil), Tiruppur (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 641603, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) SUBRAMANIAN S** And **DOB** from **16.03.1957** to **04.03.1955** Vide Affidavit Dated 17.03.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
We, **ANIL KUMAR KOPPIREDDY** and **SRIDEVI KOPPIREDDY**, both husband and wife, residing at: Flat No. 205, Shakti Sun Shine Apartment, 9th Main, Hongasandra, Bengaluru - 560 068, hereby state that in my son **SAI SATHVIK KOPPIREDDY's** school certificate Father name is mentioned as **ANIL KUMAR** instead of **ANIL KUMAR KOPPIREDDY**, Mother's name is mentioned as **SRIDEVI** instead of **SRIDEVI KOPPIREDDY.** Names have been rectified as said above vide affidavit dated 13-03-2026 before Notary Dharani. P, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SMRITHI DEEYANSHA,** D/o A. Ashok Kumar, aged about 19 years, resident of No.24, Anjana Murthy Nilaya, 4th Cross, Lottegollahalli Layout, RMV 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560094, have changed my name from **DIYASHREE.A** to **SMRITHI DEEYANSHA,** vide affidavit dated 18.03.2026 sworn to before B. Hanumantharaya, Advocate & Notary Public Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **GOVINDARAJA. R** S/o Sri. Ramesh. H, aged about 21 years, presently residing at B Main Road, Grihalakshmi Layout, Basaveshwar Nagar, Bengaluru-560079, I hereby state and declare that **GOVINDARAJA R** is my true and correct name and that **R GOVINDARAJU** and **GOVINDARAJA R** refer to one and the same person I.e., myself. and I hereby state and declare that **RAMESH H** is true and correct name of my father and that **RAMESH** and **RAMESH H** refer to one and the same person i.e., my father. vide affidavit dated: 17.03.2026 before Advocate and Notary Manohara Jeerige, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
"I hitherto known as **PREETHI KG,** D/o K G SHADAKSHARI, R/#29,2nd Stage 3rd Main, 3rd Cross Maruthi Nagar, Near Vijay Mandiri, Yelahanka Old Town, Bangalore North, PO: Yelahanka, DIST: Bangalore, Karnataka -560064. have changed my name and shall hereafter be known as **PREETHI KS,** vide affidavit dated 17th March 2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **N. NAGAPPA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RASHMI PK,** W/o Late Sandeep Kalburgi, age 37 years, R/at NO.T4, Vijaya Galaxy Apartment, 8th Cross, 11th Main, Maruthinagar, Basaveshwaranagar, Bengaluru-560079 do hereby declare that I have changed my son's name from **SRIRAM SANDEEP KALBURGI** to **SRIRAM R KULKARNI**, henceforth he shall be known and called as **SRIRAM R KULKARNI** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 17-03-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. DAYANANDA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) S PACHIMAL,** mother of No.15327251Y, HAV, S SENTHIL KUMAR, residing at House No.359/1B-2, Kavitha Nagar, First Street, Chettipalayam (Vill), Anupparpalayam (Post), Tiruppur North (Tehsil), Tiruppur (Dist), TAMIL NADU (State), PIN: 641603, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) PETCHIYAMMAL S** And **DOB** from **06.03.1961** to **14.06.1962** Vide Affidavit Dated 17.03.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, SEEMA KUMARI Wife of Prakash Chand, aged 49 Years, Residing at No. 105/1, Rishab Apartments, Kavi Lakshmisha Road, Canara Bank Apartment, Vishveshwarapuram, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru - 560004, have changed my name from **SEEMA MOTILAL JAIN** to **SEEMA KUMARI,** vide affidavit dated 18/3/2026 sworn to before Puttaramaiah Advocate and Notary Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Chikka Ramu** S/o. Sri. Muddanna, Aged about 32 years, Residing at # 81, Mayura Nilaya, 5th Main Road, Rukmini Nagara, Bangalore North - 560 073, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **Kushal C** to **Kushvik C Ram** vide affidavit dated 13.03.2026 sworn before Uma Maheswary M.N, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **UMMAR KHAN MUKTIYAR,** S/O MUKTIYAR HANIFF, resident of NO.622 & 623, 26th CROSS, 9th MAIN, 7th SECTOR, HSR LAYOUT, BANGALORE-560102. have changed my name to **UMMAR KHAN S/O MUKTIYAR** for all purposes affidavit dated 17/03/2026 sworn before advocate and notary M.K Devaki, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MANISHA RACHAEL,** aged about 46 years, D/o. Umapathy V and W/o. Mr. Glen Sujith Pallat, resident of No.18, Babu Reddy Building, 103, 1st Floor, 6th Cross, T.C. Palya Main Road, Near Sri Rama Gas Agency Hoysala Nagar, Doorvaninagar, Bangalore – 560 016, have changed my name from **MANISHA RACHAEL PALLAT** to **MANISHA RACHAEL**, vide affidavit Dated 17/03/2026 sworn before **Mr. Ravi Kumar V,** Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **C. PRARTHANA,** D/o Mr. M.Chandrasekar and Mrs. R. SUNANDA, aged 19 years, R/at No. A1-316, Century Commanders Vista, Ananthapura Road, Yelahanka New Town, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560 064 do hereby declare that I have changed my biological father name from **M. CHANDRASEKAR** to my new step father name **T.NARAYANASWAMY** for all my future records and certificates, vide affidavit dated 23-01-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **H.H. NAGARAJ** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) FOOLVATI DEVI,** mother of No.JC-315291F, NB/SUB, DINESH KUMAR, residing at Kasampur Billoch (Vill), Nangali Pathwari (Post), Bijnor (Dist), UTTAR PRADESH (State), PIN: 246727, Have Changed my name to **(NEW NAME) PHOOLVATI** And **DOB** from **01.07.1963** to **01.01.1960** Vide Affidavit Dated 17.03.2026 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHAMANTH HEMANTH**, S/o Sri. Hemanth Kumar, residing at No.801 B Wing, Natures Temple Apartment, Opp: Bappanadu Temple, Bappanadu, Mulki 574154, Dakshina Kannada District, have changed my name from **SATHYA SHAMANTH GOWDA** to **SHAMANTH HEMANTH,** before Notary Public D.K. Rameshappa, Bangalore, Notary Register No.232, vide Affidavit dated 16-03-2026.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AISHWARYA BHARADWAJ,** aged about 29 years, W/o Bharadwaj K, Flat No. 223, Suraksha Tranquil Gardens Apartment Hulimavu Main Road, Hulimavi, Bengaluru-560076, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **UDUPA AISHWARYA RAJESH** to **AISHWARYA BHARADWAJ,** vide affidavit dated 18.03.2026, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BEER MOHAMED SHAIK DAWOOD,** S/o. Shaik Dawood, Residing at Flat No. 305, 4th Floor, BRR Sai Sankalp Apartment, Kadugodi Post Office Road, Whitefield Railway Station, Kadugodi, Bangalore 560067 have changed my name to **BEER MOHAMED** for all purposes affidavit dated 03/01/2026 sworn before advocate and notary K.C. Gowthami, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAJANNA C,** S/o Chikkahanumaiah, age 74 years, R/at Mahadevakodigehalli Village, Jala Hobli, Yelahanka Taluk, Bangalore-562149 do hereby declare that my correct name is **RAJANNA C** and the same is recorded in my Voter ID, Aadhar Card and other records, but in my passport, my name is wrongly mentioned as **RAJANNA** instead of **RAJANNA C,** vide affidavit dated 18-03-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **B. HANUMANTHARAYA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHYAMALA .N,** W/o Akshay .S, age 32 years, R/at Hebbal Village, K.R. Nagar Taluk, Mysuru, Karnataka-571602, now at Bengaluru do hereby declare that I have changed my daughter's name from **A. SHAMIKA GOWDA** to **DHARSHINI GOWDA .A,** henceforth she shall be known and called as **DHARSHINI GOWDA .A** for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 17-03-2026, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. DAYANANDA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **B S VIMALAMBA** W/o Late G H Nagaraja aged about 87 years residing at No. 707, 11th Cross, 5th Main, M.C. Layout, Vijayanagar, Bangalore 560040 would like to state that after my marriage my name was changed as G H VIMALA, whereas I have retained my maiden name B S Vimalamba, vide affidavit Sworn before XXXVIII Addl Chief Judicial Magistrate Bengaluru city dtd. 09.03.2026. Hence B S Vimalamba and G H Vimala are one and the same person. In my Aadhaar Card also my name appears as B S Vimalamba only.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Shwetha Bai .S**, D/o. Santhosh Singh, aged about 19 years, R/at. No. 16/14, SBI Colony, Near I.G. Circle, Sarakki, J.P. Nagar, Bengaluru-560078, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Shwetha Bai .S** to **SHWETHA .S,** vide affidavit dated 17.03.2026, sworn to before K. Venkata, Advocate & Notary, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SATHYA KUMAR G (SATHYA KUMAR GOVINDARAJ),** aged about 32 years, S/o. Govindaraj, No. 06, Deepa Nagar, 2nd Cross, Poorva Pratham Layout, Bogadi, Mysuru-570026, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **SATHIYA KUMAR G (SATHIYA KUMAR GOVINDARAJ)** to **SATHYA KUMAR G (SATHYA KUMAR GOVINDARAJ),** vide affidavit dated 17.03.2026, sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate & Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ALI AHMED SHEIKH,** S/o. Abdul Rawoof Shaikh, residing at Sriven Paradise Apartment, Flat No.402, 5th Cross, Lakshmi Layout, Munnekolala, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560037, being the father and natural guardian of my son, hereby notify that the name of my son **AHZAAB ALI AHMED** has been changed to **HASNAIN ALI AHMED** vide Affidavit dated 14.03.2026 sworn before the Advocate and Notary Public YANKOBA at Bangalore. Henceforth, he shall be known and called as **HASNAIN ALI AHMED** for all purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **AIMAAN SABIR AHMED,** S/o Sabir Salim Ahmed, R/a No.E-204, Ranka Corner, Opp Sai Baba Temple, Cambridge Layout, Ulsoor, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560008 have changed my from **AIMAAN SABIR AHMED** name to **AIMAAN AHMED**, vide affidavit dt.18.03.2026 before Notary **Gangaraju.B.N,** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JAGADEESH NAGESH SHETTY,** aged about 66 years, S/o. Nagesh Ramakrishna Shetti, residing at #FOF 501, Varaprada Sai Kuteera, 2nd Cross, Opp. Maple Bear School, Friends Colony, Subramanyapura, Bengaluru 560061, Karnataka have changed my name to **VIMALA NAGARAJ**, vide dated: 18-03-2026 Before Notary **MEER HASSAN,** Bangalore.

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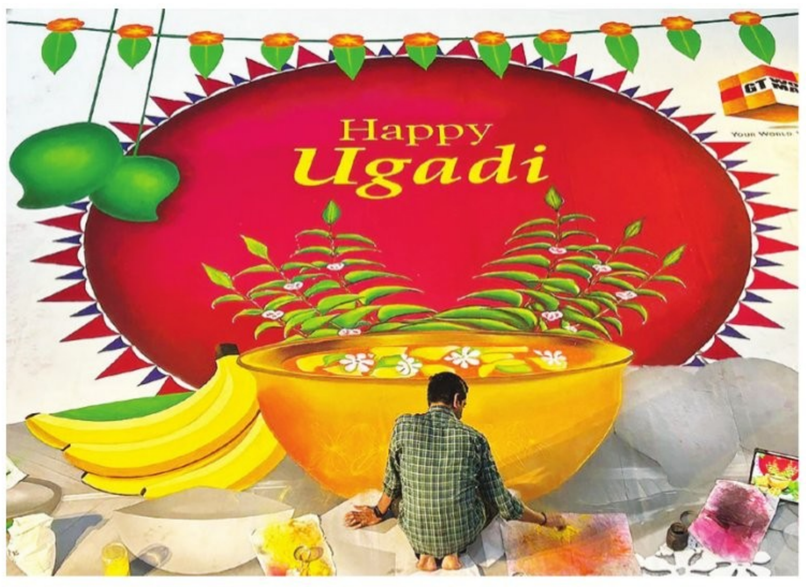
NEW YEAR & HOPES: SPIRIT OF UGADI



The arrival of the New Year has always been a moment of renewal, marked by reflection, hope and the promise of new beginnings. Across cultures, it is a time to pause and look ahead with optimism. In the Hindu tradition, Ugadi is celebrated as the New Year in Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and parts of Maharashtra. It falls on the first day of the bright fortnight of the month of Chaitra, usually in March or April, and marks the start of a new cycle of time.

According to tradition, this is the day when Brahma, the Creator, began the creation of the universe. The word "Ugadi" itself means the beginning of a new age. The festival is also linked to the start of the Shaka era, believed to have begun with the coronation of Emperor Shalivahana in 79 AD. This calendar continues to hold importance in India even today.

At its core, Ugadi is a time for introspection and renewal. People reflect on the past year, seek forgiveness for mistakes, and pray for a better year ahead. The day begins early with an oil bath, followed by wearing new clothes and decorating homes with flowers and rangoli. Temples see a steady flow of devotees offering prayers for health, prosperity and peace.

A key part of the celebrations is the reading of the new panchanga, or almanac, often by a priest or an elder in the family. The panchanga outlines the year ahead, including festivals, planetary positions and general forecasts. Listening to it is believed to help people prepare for what lies ahead, both practically and emotionally.

One of the most distinctive traditions of Ugadi is the consumption of a mixture made from neem leaves and jaggery. This simple preparation combines bitter and sweet tastes, symbolising the different experiences of life. It serves as a reminder that the coming year will bring both happiness and challenges, and that both must be accepted with balance.

The festival is also deeply social in nature. Families gather for festive meals, exchange gifts and spend time together. Traditional dishes and sweets are prepared, and the day is marked by warmth and togetherness. It is as much about community as it is about personal reflection.

In Maharashtra, Ugadi is celebrated as Gudi Padwa. Homes display a decorated gudi, a bamboo staff topped with a metal pot and draped in bright cloth, symbolising victory and prosperity. The festival also marks the beginning of Vasant Navaratri, a nine day period of worship dedicated to the Divine Mother.

Across India, New Year celebrations differ by region. Tamil Nadu and Kerala observe it in mid April based on the solar calendar, Bengal celebrates Pohela Boishakh, and Gujarat marks its New Year later in the year during Balipratipada. Together, these traditions reflect India's diversity while sharing a common spirit of renewal, hope and continuity.

Reference: A Concise Encyclopaedia of Hinduism, Swami Harshananda (Ramakrishna Math, Bangalore).

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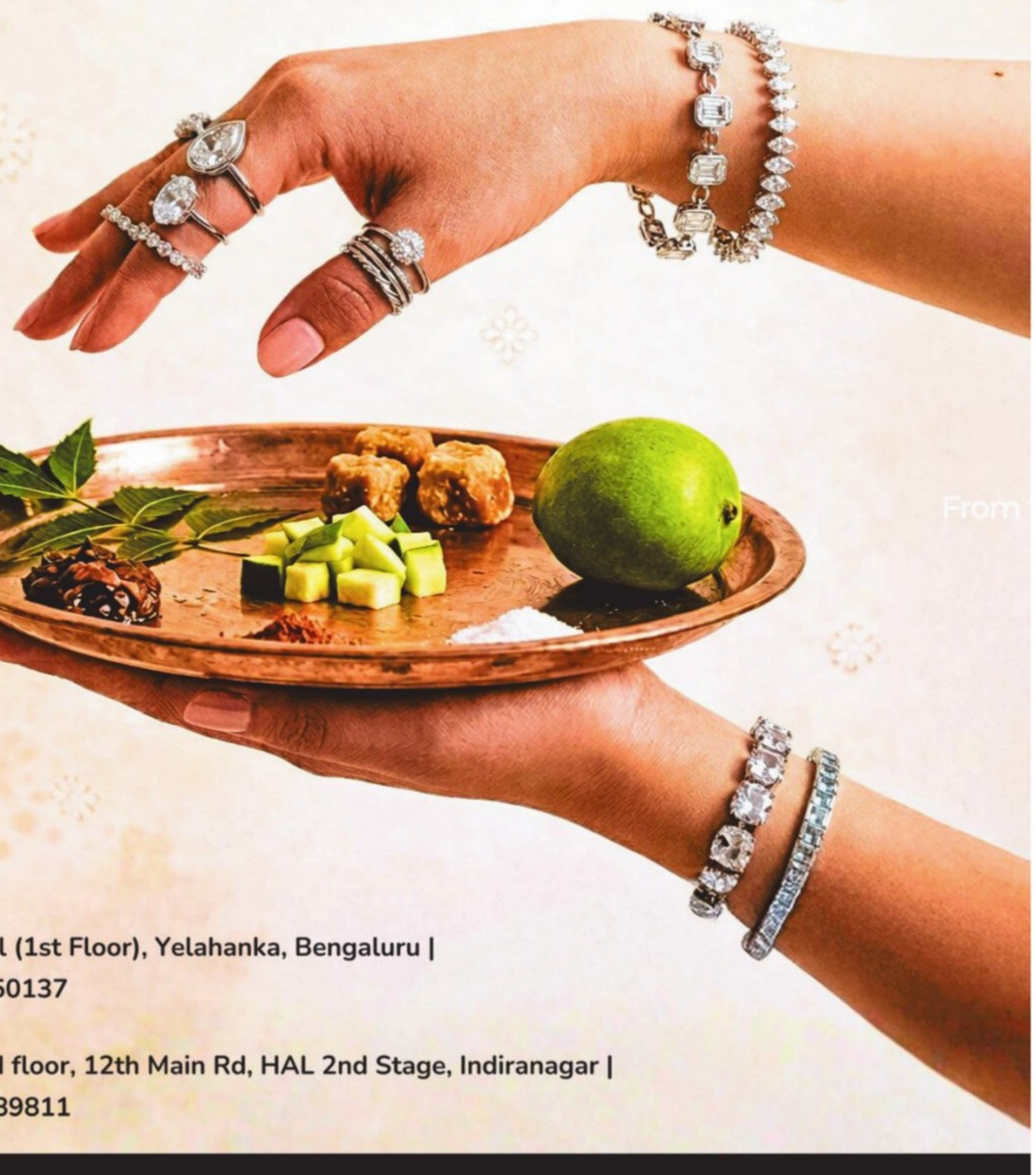

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The first look of the film, produced by Samruddhi V Manjunath, will be released around the Ugadi festival

A SHARADHAA

FOLLOWING the success of *Krishnam Pranaya Sakhi*, the much-awaited collaboration between Golden Star Ganesh and Srinivas Raju has begun. Presented by Virat Sai Creations, this romantic family drama is produced by the celebrated filmmaker Samruddhi V Manjunath. The film's announcement during the auspicious Ugadi festival has only added to the fanfare, with the charming title *Brinda Vihaari* winning instant admiration.

Explaining why he chose the title, Srinivas Raju says, "*Brinda Vihaari* suits the subject perfectly. I have always ensured that my films carry attractive and unique titles, and this one lives up to that. *Brinda Vihaari* refers to the context around Krishna."

With just one song left to shoot, the post-production work is now in full swing, and the makers are aiming for a release sometime in June. The film features Devika Bhatt and Malavika Sharma as the female leads.

Given the proven track record of the Ganesh–Srinivas Raju combination, expectations around the music are naturally high. Noted music director Hesham Abdul Wahab has composed a melodious soundtrack, with songs expected to be released soon.

While the story and screenplay are by Srinivas Raju, cinematography is by Venkat Prasad, and editing is by KM Prakash.

Ganesh

A still from the film

Sterling K Brown's *Paradise* renewed for third season

Ahead of the premiere of *Paradise* season two's finale, it has been announced that the Emmy-nominated series has been renewed for a third season. Currently, the first season is airing on JioHotstar, with each episode of the second season premiering weekly. The series is created by Dan Fogelman, who also serves as an executive producer along with Brown. The series begins in the aftermath of a doomsday event, where Xavier Collins (Sterling K Brown), a special agent of the US Secret Service, investigates the cause of the death of the US President.

PC Shekar, KV Satya Prakash team up for new project

CE FEATURES

FILMMAKER PC Shekar, recognised for films such as *Romeo* and *Raaga*, is set to announce his next venture. The announcement arrives on the onset of the Ugadi festival.

Shekar will be collaborating with KV Satya Prakash, the producer behind films like *Sarathi* and *Landlord*. Shekar and Satya Prakash have a continued collaboration in the Kannada film industry.

Pre-production work for the film is reportedly well underway, with the team preparing to commence principal photography soon. PC Shekar, who is currently completing the final schedule of his upcoming film, Mahan, expressed eagerness to begin this project ahead of Mahan's release. He described the upcoming film as a large-scale production and highlighted his enthusiasm in working with an experienced producer such as KV Satya Prakash.

Actor-producer Mithra, a close associate of both Shekar and Satya Prakash, will serve as the executive producer. Having previously acted in Raaga, Mithra's involvement in a behind-the-scenes capacity reinforces the collaborative nature of the project.

Further details regarding the cast, storyline, and release schedule are expected in the coming weeks, with the team promising more updates soon.

PC Shekar, Mithra and Satya Prakash